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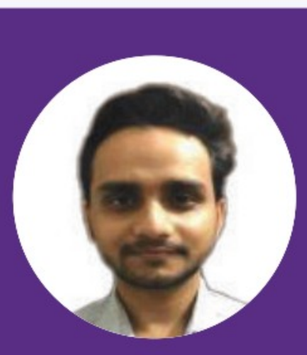

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## Home Ministry takes up with MEA influx of Kuki-Chins to India

**Vijaita Singh**
NEW DELHI

More than 270 members of the Kuki-Chin community from Bangladesh who entered Mizoram on November 20 are being referred to as "officially displaced persons" in State government records, as India does not have a law on refugees.

A senior Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) official told *The Hindu* that the issue was being discussed with the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

**'Illegal immigrants'**

According to the MHA, the foreign nationals who enter the country without valid travel documents are treated as illegal immigrants.

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# Election Commissioner shouldn't be 'yes-man': SC

EC should be a person who would not shirk from even taking on the PM, says Justice K.M. Joseph; court gives the government 24 hours to produce the file of appointment of Arun Goel to the post

**Krishnadas Rajagopal**
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Wednesday said the country needed Election Commissioners (ECs) who would not shirk from even taking on the Prime Minister if required, and not just "weak-kneed" yes-men.

"Suppose the Election Commissioner is asked to take on none less than the Prime Minister... we are just giving an example... And the Election Commissioner is so weak-kneed that he does not get around doing it. Will it not be a case of complete breakdown of the system?" Justice K.M. Joseph, heading a Constitution Bench, asked the government.

The court said an Election Commissioner should be one who could take a stand even risking his life, and not a docile "yes-man" whom the government knew would do its bidding.

"You appoint a 'yes-man'... Any government for that matter... Somebody carefully picks him... He is like-minded. You share an affinity of thought and philosophy... He will do whatever is your bidding, and you know it. You assure him security [of tenure]... Well, on the face of it, everything is fine and hunky-dory... But what is the quality required which may be found lacking... the most important quality which is at the core of our debate here – That is, whether the man is really independent!" Justice Joseph addressed Attorney General R. Venkataramani, who is leading the government side.

The court gave the government 24 hours to produce the file of appointment of former IAS officer Arun Goel as Election Commissioner. "If you are in the clear and there is no hanky-panky, there is nothing to fear... You have any problem producing his file?" Justice Joseph asked Mr. Venkataramani.

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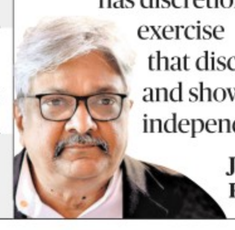
### Revamp mode

A Constitution Bench hearing a series of petitions seeking functional independence for ECs, is examining various aspects:

- Appointment of CEC and ECs by a Collegium of PM, CJI and Leader of the Opposition
- Equal protection to CEC and ECs and common procedure of removal
- Rule-making power to Election Commission like Supreme Court, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha
- Independent secretariat, budget for the commission



"Independence is not an unruly horse ... Independence also partakes in playing by the rules of the game. In areas where he [EC] has discretion, he should exercise that discretion and show independence"

JUSTICE K.M. JOSEPH

## Scottish parliament cannot hold poll for independence: court

A Scottish independence supporter in London on Wednesday. AP

**Sriram Lakshman**
LONDON

In a significant setback for Scottish nationalists, the U.K. Supreme Court ruled on Wednesday that the Scottish parliament does not have the power to conduct a referendum on Scotland's independence from the United Kingdom without consent from the U.K.'s parliament in Westminster.

Scottish National Party (SNP) leader and Scotland's First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said she respected the court's decision but indicated that the U.K.'s next general election would, for the SNP, be a de facto referendum on Scottish independence.

The last referendum, sanctioned by David Cameron's Tory government, was conducted in 2014, when a majority (55%) of Scots voted to stay in the union.

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### Nandini milk, curd prices up from today

BENGALURU

The price of Nandini milk and curd marketed by Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF) will go up by ₹2 a litre/kg from Thursday. While a litre of toned milk will now cost ₹39, a kg of curd will cost ₹47.

Despite the hike, the consumer price of Nandini milk will still remain cheaper compared to that in Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Maharashtra, Gujarat, and Delhi where the price ranges from ₹40 a litre in Tamil Nadu to ₹55 a litre in Andhra Pradesh, according to data provided by KMF.

The decision was taken at a KMF meeting here on Wednesday that came after federation directors and officials met Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on November 21.

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## CBI probe into firing on Meghalaya boundary

**The Hindu Bureau**
GUWAHATI

A day after six persons were killed in firing by the Assam police and forest personnel on its boundary with Meghalaya, the Assam Cabinet on Wednesday decided to hand over the investigation to the Central Bureau of Investigation. This was announced by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in New Delhi.

During a Cabinet meeting, the Council of Ministers decided to bring out SOP for the police and forest personnel to deal with situations arising out of altercations with civilians. The government also decided to request Justice Rumi Phukan, retired judge of the Gauhati High Court, to conduct a probe into the circumstances that led to the incident, he said.

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## NEWS IN NUMBERS

### Tax collection to exceed budget estimate this fiscal

**4** In ₹ lakh crore, the amount by which India's tax collection will exceed the budget estimate in the current fiscal on the back of buoyant income tax, customs duty and GST mop-up, according to Revenue Secretary Tarun Bajaj. For this financial year ending March 2023, the tax collection target set in the Union Budget is around ₹27.50 lakh crore. PTI

### Domestic flight passengers increase during October

**1.14** In crore, the number of passengers carried by the Indian airlines in October, 2022. There has been a 10% rise in domestic air traffic compared to last month when it stood at 1.03 crore, according to the Directorate General of Civil Aviation. Domestic air traffic jumped nearly 27% to 114.07 lakh last month compared to the year-ago period. PTI

### FDI equity inflows contract in the current fiscal to $26.9 billion

**14** The percentage by which the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) equity inflows into India contracted to $26.9 billion during the April-September months in the current fiscal, according to the data of the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. The inflows had stood at $31.15 billion during the corresponding period of the previous year. PTI

### Highest rates of unemployment in America since August

**2.4** In lakh, the number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits up by 17,000 from the week before, according to the Labour Department. Unemployment rose to the highest level since August, though it still remains low by historic standards. The current low levels show that American workers enjoy extraordinary job security. AP

### The European Space Agency adopts a bigger budget

**16.9** In euro billion, the budget adopted by the European Space Agency (ESA) for the next three years, a 17% increase as agreed in the 2019 meeting but less than requested by its director-general. The ESA's 22 members decided on a new budget to fund space exploration, rocket launchers, climate change monitoring and other projects. AFP

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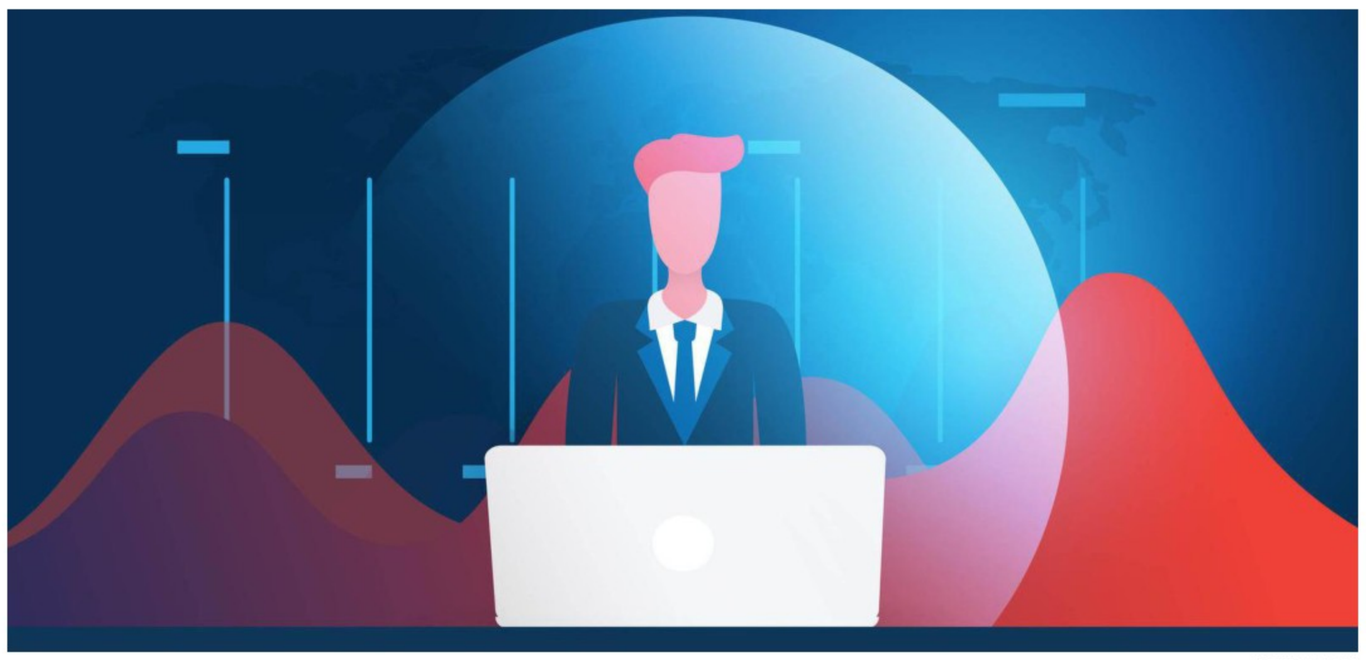
# SEBI's plans to tackle market rumours

What are the measures proposed by the market regulator? Is misinformation affecting securities and impacting investor confidence? Do the proposals recognise the material importance of key personnel and senior management of listed companies?

EXPLAINER

Saptaparno Ghosh



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**The story so far:**
The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) on November 12 floated a consultation paper proposing measures to effectively tackle market rumours. It reviewed disclosure requirements for material events and information under the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015.

**What was the need for review?**
The central premise of the proposal is to ensure timely disclosure of significant events that may have a bearing on the price of a scrip. SEBI notes that while regulatory actions against non-disclosure of events do act as a deterrent for listed entities to withhold details of material events or information, timely disclosure is still very important. SEBI also seeks to ensure that unverified rumours do not shake investor confidence and affect decision-making. Listed entities too have sought that the regulator institute a certain uniformity in its guidance for disclosures, to help them better determine what constitutes a material event or information. In a related context, the market regulator pointed to provisions that require companies to put forth specific and adequate replies to all rumour verification queries raised by the exchanges. This could be with respect to certain 'information' circulating on social media or any other platform. It proposes that entities should confirm or deny any such reported event or information.

**What disclosures are being proposed?**
The proposed measures are directed towards preventing any false market sentiment or impact on the securities of a company. Recognising the "growing influence" of print, television and digital news media, it argues that companies need to keep pace and ensure that any rumours are verified or refuted. Thus, it is proposed that the top 250 listed entities, based on market capitalisation at the end of the previous assessment year, would have to clearly deny or refute such rumours.

It proposes companies disclose all information whose expected impact in terms of value exceeds 2% of either its turnover or net-worth as per the last audited financial statement, or 5% of the three-year average of absolute value of profit/loss after tax.

In order to avoid information asymmetry, SEBI has proposed that the listed entities need to also disseminate any communication with regards to the company made by its directors, promoters, key managerial personnel or senior management individually and not through the company. It recognises that it is difficult for an investor to keep track of multiple newsworthy announcements from diverse avenues. To this effect, it proposes that companies inform about any ratings actions, even if it was not requested for by the company or if a request was withdrawn. Further, companies also need to disclose any actions initiated by a regulatory, statutory, enforcement or judicial authority against any of its directors, key managerial personnel, senior management, promoter or subsidiary in relation to the entity. These may include investigation, suspension, imposition of penalty or fine, settlement of proceedings, debarment, sanctions, warnings, search, seizure, and default on the payment of fines, penalties and dues among others. The mentioned measure would thus, prevent information asymmetry as it would streamline access to verified information.

Other than this, the proposals also recognise the material importance of key personnel, senior management and directors to investors. They instil confidence in the functioning and affairs of the company. To this effect, it proposes that entities inform the exchange about their resignation(s) within seven days. Along similar lines, companies must also disclose if the MD/CEO is not available to discharge their duties for greater than a month.

**Are timelines being revised?**
The regulator observed that there was a need for quicker disclosure of material events since 'information' permeates very fast on social media and digital media. It makes a note of several instances where the disclosures were made only after the news had already circulated in the media. At times, the information was disclosed only after the exchange raised a query to the company. Therefore, SEBI proposes that disclosures pertaining to events or information emanating from within the company be made within twelve hours instead of the existing mandate of twenty-four hours. The cut-off remains unchanged for events emanating from external occurrences. Moreover, all decisions taken in a Board of Directors meeting are to be disclosed within thirty minutes from when it concludes. Companies must also inform, two days in advance, if any investor or analyst meet is scheduled.

### THE GIST

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# Are El Niño-La Niña weather patterns changing?

What are the adverse effects of these recurring climate changes? What is the El Niño Southern Oscillation? How have these phenomena affected Indian monsoons?

Priyali Prakash

**The story so far:**
A new study projects that climate change will significantly impact El Niño-La Niña weather patterns approximately by 2030 – a decade before what was earlier predicted. This is bound to result in further global climate disruptions.

**What is the El Niño phenomenon?**
El Niño is the warming of sea water in the central-east Equatorial Pacific that occurs every few years. During El Niño, surface temperatures in the equatorial Pacific rise, and trade winds – east-west winds that blow near the Equator – weaken. Normally, easterly trade winds blow from the Americas towards Asia. Due to El Niño, they falter and change direction to turn into westerlies, bringing warm water from the western Pacific towards the Americas. The phenomena of upwelling, where nutrient-rich waters rise towards the surface, is reduced under El Niño. This in turn reduces phytoplankton. Thus, fish that eat phytoplankton are affected, followed by other organisms higher up the food chain. Warm waters also carry tropical species towards colder areas, disrupting multiple ecosystems. Since the Pacific covers almost one-third of the earth, changes in its temperature and subsequent alteration of wind patterns disrupt global weather patterns. El Niño causes dry, warm winter in Northern U.S. and Canada and increases the risk of flooding in the U.S. gulf coast and southeastern U.S. It also brings drought to Indonesia and Australia.

**What is La Niña?**
La Niña is the opposite of El Niño. La Niña sees cooler than average sea surface temperature (SST) in the equatorial Pacific region. Trade winds are stronger than usual, pushing warmer water towards Asia.

On the American west coast, upwelling increases, bringing nutrient-rich water to the surface. Pacific cold waters close to the Americas push jet streams – narrow bands of strong winds in the upper atmosphere – northwards. This leads to drier conditions in Southern U.S., and heavy rainfall in Canada.

La Niña has also been associated with heavy floods in Australia. Two successive La Niña events in the last two years caused intense flooding in Australia, resulting in significant damage.

**What were the study's findings?**
The combination of El Niño, La Niña, and the neutral state between the two opposite effects is called the El Niño Southern Oscillation (ENSO). Southern oscillations are large-scale changes in sea level pressure in the tropical Pacific region.

ENSO's scale is significant enough to influence global climate. According to the study, published in the *Nature Communications* journal, increased SST variability from ENSO in the eastern Equatorial Pacific (EP) will emerge around 2030 ( error margin of +/- 6 years), more than a decade earlier than that of the central Pacific (CP) ENSO. If CP and EP are not separated, SST variability from ENSO will occur almost four decades earlier than previously suggested. Changes in the equatorial Pacific will be visible first due to a stronger increase in the EP-ENSO rainfall response, leading to increased SST variability.

**What is the effect on India's monsoons?**
In India, El Niño causes weak rainfall and more heat, while La Niña intensifies rainfall across South Asia, particularly in India's northwest and Bangladesh during the monsoon. At present, India, like the rest of the globe, is witnessing an extended 'triple dip' La Niña. As reported by *The Hindu*, this, in part, is why India saw surplus rain in September, a month that usually sees the monsoon retreat, for the third year in a row.

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# BBMP starts 'rapid road' work on pilot basis on OMR

Civic officials say that while white-topping roads takes around 30 days, this pilot roadwork will only take two to three days to complete; this project costs more than the regular roadworks

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After several complaints by motorists about delayed roadworks in Bengaluru, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has started 'rapid road' work on a pilot basis on the busy Old Madras Road (OMR), which was pothole-ridden following the recent rains.

Explaining about the project, civic officials said that while white-topping roads takes around 30 days, this pilot roadwork will only take two to three days.

Concrete slabs, which are 20 feet in length and 5 feet in width, being brought to the worksite in Bengaluru. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

**Trial basis**

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath on Wednesday inspected the ongoing 500 metre rapid roadwork in OMR road and said, "This project is on trial basis. If successful, we will go ahead with a few more roads in the city. In this kind of road, we fabricate the concrete slabs which are 20 feet in length and 5 feet in width in the factory itself and embed the slabs on the road."

However, the project costs more than the regular road projects like white-topping.

"The cost of this project is high compared to the white-topping road project - by at least 20% to 25% - since this project requires an additional cost of transporting the concrete slabs to the site from the factory," Mr. Giri Nath added.

# Civic body claims to have fixed potholes in six Assembly constituencies in city

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike has claimed to have filled up all the potholes in 48 wards of six Assembly constituencies in Bengaluru.

In a release on Wednesday, Jayaram Raipura, Zonal Commissioner of BBMP South Zone, said the potholes in Jayanagar, BTM Layout, Padmanabhanagar, Basavanagudi, Vijayanagara and Chickpet have been fixed in the arterial, sub-arterial and ward roads. The BBMP further said that if residents find any potholes in these constituencies, they can lodge a complaint by sending photos of the potholes with geo location to the WhatsApp number 9480685704.

# Fugitive held at Kadalekai Parishe

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A visit to one of city's favourite events has cost a fugitive dear. The Basavanagudi police on Wednesday arrested a 21-year-old rowdy-sheeter who had come to visit the temple during the Kadalekai Parishe. The accused Pratvik, a resident of Hosakerehalli, had several criminal cases pending and the court had issued four warrants against him.

The accused was arrested in 2019 for attempting to murder his rival and was remanded in judicial custody. However, he obtained bail a few months later and was on the run since then.

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On Wednesday, the Basavanagudi police, based on a definite clue, waited for him near the temple in mufti and pinned him down before he could enter the temple.

The accused was taken into custody for further investigations to ascertain his activities while he was off the radar.

**Special drive**

Meanwhile, CCB officials conducted a special drive against rowdies and detained 86 anti-social elements to check their background and criminal antecedents in the wake of the upcoming elections.

Several teams led by five ACPs and 20 inspectors carried raids on the houses of the rowdy elements across the city and detained them for questioning. Wile some of the rowdies escaped before the raid, the police in some cases recovered lethal weapons from their houses.

# Inspection

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Thaawarchand Gehlot, Governor, inspected Sir M. Visvesvaraya Baiyyappanahalli Terminal (SMVB) Railway Station on Wednesday. He inspected the concourse, reservation counters, escalators, and other passenger facilities.

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If any person/s having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of their such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

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All that piece and parcel of residential plot No. 138, in the layout know as "SAI PRAKRUTHI GARDENIAA" formed in Sy. No. 28/2 & 28/3 property bearing BBMP katha No. 232/27/28/2/28/3/28/4 (BBMP file No. Vaale/PR/KTR/47/2010-11, MR No. 230/2010-11, measuring 10 Acre 03 Guntas, situated at Kogilu, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore. measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 40 Feet, total 1200 Sq. Feet. and bounded on: East by : Site No. 133, West by : Road, North by : Site No. 137, South by: Site No. 139.

MANJUNATHA & ASSOCIATES
K. N. MANJUNATHA CHARY, ROOPA. B, &
B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates,
# 96, 1 Floor, 1 Main, 4 Cross,
Maruthi Nagar, Madiwala, Bangalore-560068
Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
BANGALORE, DATE : 23-11-2022

**BEFORE THE HON'BLE PRINCIPAL CONSUMER DISPUTES REDRESSAL FORUM AT BENGALURU**
**COMPLAINT No.1181/2019**

BETWEEN: SMT. ROOPA N.M ... COMPLAINANTS
And: GRUHAKALYAN & ANOTHER ... OPPOSITE PARTIES

NOTICE TO THE OPPOSITE PARTIES MENTIONED HERE UNDER BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

1. **GRUHA KALYAN,** having its office at: No.32/A, 9th Main, Sector-6, HSR Layout, Near Empire Hotel, Bengaluru- 560102. Represented by its Authorized Signatory
2. **MS. MAJUMDAR SHATAPARNI,** aged about 32 years, D/o. Shibaji Majumdar, Sector 4, 13th Cross, H.S. R. Layout, Bengaluru .

WHEREAS, the Complainant has instituted the above case against you for recovery of money and for other consequential reliefs, You are hereby summoned to appear in this Forum in person or by a pleader on the **06/12/2022 at 10:30 A.M.** to answer same, failing which the cases will be disposed off ex-parte on merits.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Forum, this the 18/11/2022.

By order of the Commission, Assistant Registrar-Cum-Asst. Administrative Officer, District Consumer Disputes, Redressal Commission, Bengaluru Urban District Bengaluru.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public are hereby informed that my client Mrs.SAMIRA MUBIN BAJIGHAR, W/o Mr.Mubin Muhammed Bajighar, residing at No.10 Old No.12, 2nd Cross, Akkamma Block, Dinnur Main Road, R T Nagar, Bengaluru-560032, has lost properties Original Sale Documents No./Identification (1) Registration No.978 Registered on 1966-67 (2) Registration No.5046, Registered on 1972-73, (3) Registration No.1314, Registered on 1983-84, connected to above mentioned property address. The above documents were lost on 10/10/2022 at R T Nagar while travelling. My client had lodged an online Police complaint vide lost Report No.0389994/2022 dated 20/11/2022 any person find this Document please Contact to above said Client Address or Contact No.9886545376/7022458863.

I. KANIKHARAJA
*Advocate*
No.97, Backside to CSI Church,
K G Halli, Jalahalli, Bengaluru-560015
Mob: 9886545376

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

This is to inform the general public that my client **PRABHAKAR S.BHAT,** Son of Mr.Subray Bhat, has lost Original Sale Agreement dated 14.05.2005, in respect of the **Flat No.003, on Ground floor of 'EAST-WEST RESIDENCY',** with Super built up area measuring **875 sq.ft.,** situated at **CMC Bommanahalli Katha No.539/20/1, Puttenahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** entered into by my predecessor-in-title, Ms.Aakriti and M/s. Shiva Builders and Developers, while shifting my residence from HSR Layout to J.P.Nagar 7th Phase and in this regard my client has lodged a police complaint on dated 21.11.2022.

If any Person/s find the aforesaid original document may handover the same to the undersigned at the earliest.

**SAHAI KUMAR,** Advocate
#311, 2nd Floor, 3rd Main, 3rd Phase, J.P.Nagar, Bangalore-560078 Mob : 9845090974

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client Sri. Durgadas Puranik, S/o. Sri. Madhav Puranik is intending to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owners Sri. Suresh Jain, S/o. Sri. Chaganlal, residing at No. 21/5, Craig park layout, MG Road, Bangalore and Agreement holder M/s. SAI PRAKRUTHI GARDENIAA. Rep. by its Authorized Partners 1. Sri. M. B. Kiran 2. Sri. Rohit Kumar Tiwari.

If any person/s having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of their such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential plot No. 137, in the layout know as "SAI PRAKRUTHI GARDENIAA" formed in Sy. No. 28/2 & 28/3 property bearing BBMP katha No. 232/27/28/2/28/3/28/4 (BBMP file No. Vaale/PR/KTR/47/2010-11, MR No. 230/2010-11, measuring 10 Acre 03 Guntas, situated at Kogilu, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore. measuring East to West 30 Feet, North to South 40 Feet, total 1200 Sq. Feet. and bounded on: Eastby : Site No.134, West by: Road, North by : Site No.136, South by : Site No. 138.

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B.N. JAGADISH KUMAR, Advocates,
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Mob: 9845965626, 7406090832
BANGALORE, DATE : 23-11-2022

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

My client Sri. Jitendra Bandil, S/o. Sri. Mahesh Bandil and his wife Smt. Deepti Gupta, are intending to purchase of the schedule property mentioned hereunder for a valuable consideration from its owners Sri. SURESH JAIN S/o. Sri. Chaganlal, residing at No. 21/5, Craig park layout, MG Road, Bangalore and Agreement holder M/s. SAI PRAKRUTHI GARDENIAA. Rep. by its Authorized Partners 1. Sri. M. B. Kiran 2. Sri. Rohit Kumar Tiwari.

If any person/s having any claims, right, title and interest whatsoever over the schedule property may forward their objections to the undersigned in writing with supporting documents of their such claims, within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Failing which it will be deemed that there are no claims, right, title and interest by anybody and my client will proceed for completion of sale transaction and thereafter no claims will be considered.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of residential plot No. 106, in the layout know as "SAI PRAKRUTHI GARDENIAA" formed in Sy. No. 28/2 & 28/3 property bearing BBMP katha No. 232/27/28/2/28/3/28/4 (BBMP file No. Vaale/PR/KTR/47/2010-11, MR No. 230/2010-11, measuring 10 Acre 03 Guntas, situated at Kogilu, Yelahanka Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore. measuring East to West 45 Feet, North to South 30 Feet, total 1350 Sq. Feet. and bounded on: East by: Site No. 99, West by:Road, North by : Site No. 105, South by: Site No. 107.

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**BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION (e-Procurement mode only)**

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited invites Tender for the following works.

**1) Bid Enquiry No:KPTCL/SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/PTK/ Balance Work Enhancement 2x12.5MVA by 2x20MVA PTR @110 KV UP Halli S/S Dt.16.11.2022.** Tender for the work of Enhancement of 2x12.5MVA, 66/11 KV Power Transformer by 2x20MVA and Providing 5 additional PCVCB switchgear at **66/11KV MUSS UP Halli,** H.B.Halli Taluk, Vijayanagara District pertaining to TL&SS Division Munirabad, KPTCL Sub-station conforming to our Technical Specifications, F.O.R.D at Store/Site basis, including insurance and transportation on Partial Turnkey Basis.

**2) Bid Enquiry No: KPTCL/SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-1/2022-23/PTK/ Balance Work Enhancement 1x8MVA by 1x12.5MVA PTR @66KV MUSS Chornur Dt. 16.11.2022.** Tender for the work of enhancement of 1x8 MVA, 66/11 KV Power Transformer by 1x12.5MVA 66/11KV Power Transformer and Providing 2 Nos. of additional PCVCB switchgear at **66KV MUSS Chornur,** Sandur Taluk, Bellary District pertaining to 220KV R/S Ittigi, KPTCL pertaining to TL&SS Division Munirabad, KPTCL Sub-station conforming to our Technical Specifications, F.O.R.D at Store/Site basis, including insurance and transportation on Partial Turnkey Basis.

**3) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr. (W&M)C/MRB/EE (O)/AEE-1/22-23/TTK/110KV LILO LINE YERDONA Dt.16.11.2022** Tender for the work of Construction of 110 KV LILO line to 110/11 KV Yerdona sub-station on existing DC Towers from the tapping point of 110 KV Munirabad-II for a distance of 4.936 Kms along with Construction of Terminal bay at existing **110/11KV Yerdona** Sub Station in Karatagi Tq & Koppal Dist conforming to our Technical Specifications, F.O.R.D at Store/Site basis, including insurance and transportation on Total Turnkey Basis.

**4) Bid Enquiry No: SEE/Tr.(W&M)C/MRB/EE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/TTK/20MVAR Capacity Capacitor Bank Installation @ H B Halli Dt. 19.11.2022** Tender for the work of Replacement of Obsolete 20 Mvar Capacity, 66kV voltage class Capacitor Bank by new 20 Mvar Capacity, 66kV voltage class **Capacitor Bank** along with allied equipments at **66/11kV Hagari Bommanahalli** sub-station in H.B Halli Taluk, Vijayanagara District on Total Turnkey Basis.

Tenders will be received through E-Procurement mode only. The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the e-procurement process can be obtained by logging on to KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or directly logging on to website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/** on or after **25.11.2022 at 11:30Hrs** other details can be obtained from the office of the under signed.

**Sd/- Superintending Engineer (Elecl.),**
**Transmission (W&M) Circle, KPTCL, Munirabad**

**Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike**
Office of the Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division, 2nd Cross, Jaladarshini Layout, MSR Layout, Mathikere, Bengaluru-560 054.

No.EE/MLM/E-PROC/17/2022-23 Date: 23-11-2022

**SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**
(Single Cover System) **(IFT)**
(Through GOK e-Procurement Portal Only)

The Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division, BBMP, Bengaluru, invites tenders from the eligible contractors registered with CPWD/KPWD/Railways/MES or any State Government Organisations for the construction of works detailed in the table below.

| Sl. No. | Name of the Work | Estimate Cost (₹. in Lakhs) | EMD (in ₹.) |
|---|---|---|---|
| | **Reserved for SC Category** | | |
| 1. | Engaging & Supplying of tractor for cleaning Road side debris in Ward No.65 (Old-64), Rajmahal Guttahalli. | 15.00 | 18750 |
| 2. | Engaging & Supplying of tractor for removing of Road side debris in Ward No.59 (Old-36), Mathikere. | 15.00 | 18750 |
| | **Reserved for ST Category** | | |
| 3. | Engaging & Supplying of tractor for cleaning Road side debris in Ward No.62 (Old-66), Subramanyanagara. | 15.00 | 18750 |
| | **General Category** | | |
| 4. | Engaging & supplying of tractor for cleaning Road side debris in Ward No.63 (Old-76), Gayathrinagar. | 15.00 | 37500 |
| 5. | Engaging & Supplying of tractor for cleaning Road side debris in Ward No.64 (Old-65), Kadu Malleshwara. | 15.00 | 37500 |
| 6. | Engaging & Supplying of tractor for removing of Road side debris in Ward No.61 (Old-45), Malleshwaram. | 15.00 | 37500 |
| 7. | Engaging & Supplying of tractor for removing of Road side debris in Ward No.60 (Old-35), Aramanenagar. | 15.00 | 37500 |

**Calendar of Events: (1)** Last Date & Time for receipt of Tenders: **05-12-2022 upto 4:00 p.m. (2)** Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **07-12-2022 at 2:30 p.m.** Further particulars can be obtained from the above office during working hours on working days or from **website: https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

**Sd/-, Executive Engineer, Malleshwaram Division, BBMP.**

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**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I, HEMANTH** Adhithya Neelakanta, R/o No-10, Sri Sai Apartment, Flat-101, Channasandra Layout, RR Nagar, Bengaluru-560098 have changed my name to Chandrashekar Neelakanta vide affidavit dt: 23.11.2022 sworn before Notary Meera H, B'lore

**I, KULDEEP** Kumar Bhosle, R/o No-105 & 106, Lahari Nivas, Rainbow Garden Layout, Begihalli, Bengaluru Rural-560105 have changed my name to Kuldeep Kumar vide affidavit dt: 23.11.2022 sworn before Notary Meera H, B'lore

**WE, THYAGARAJAN.N** and Manu.M.S. R/at F-02, lake city residency, TC Palya, KR Puram, Bangalore-36 have changed our son's name from Vishnu.T to Vishnu Thyagarajan vide affidavit dated:21-11-2022 before notary S.Subashini, Bengaluru-49

**I, KULDEEP** Kumar, R/o No-105 & 106, Lahari Nivas, Rainbow Garden Layout, Begihalli, Bengaluru Rural-560105 have changed my minor Daughter name from Aadhya to Aadhya.K.B vide affidavit dt: 23.11.22 sworn before Notary Meera H, B'lore

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

In the court of the Additional Sub-Judge No-II, Salem, TN. I.A43/2019 in Mcop 305/2011. Devaraj s/o Rangasamy (Petitioner), 36, Perumal Koil St, Soolaimedu, Chennai, vs Johney P George, s/o P.A.George (1st Respondent), No.6, Kodi Palya Chunchenghatta Cross, Kannan Kevda (PO), Bangalore. Notice to 1st Respondent. Above case is posted for your appearance on 25.11.2022, 10.00 am. You or your advocate should appear before court, else the case will decree exparty order against you. By court order. J.Sudarsan - 9842525984. Counsel petitioner

**TENDERS**

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**TENDER NOTICE**

E-Tenders are invited for (https://etenders.kerala.gov.in) for the supply of ENA 36 lakh BL **(Tender ID 2022_TSC_531942_1),** for the period 01.12.2022 to 31.03.2023 and Renovation of Building **(Tender ID 2022_TSC_532010_1).** The last date is 29.11.2022 at 3.00pm, Contact Office/Website.
Thiruvalla, 22.11.2022 (sd) GM

**PERSONAL**

**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I, KULDEEP** Kumar, R/o No-105 & 106, Lahari Nivas, Rainbow Garden Layout, Begihalli, Bengaluru Rural-560105 have changed my minor Daughter name from Lahari to Lahari.K.B vide affidavit dt: 23.11.2022 sworn before Notary Meera H, B'lore

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE COURT OF THE IV CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CCH-21)**
**ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 25426 OF 2022**

**BETWEEN :**
ICICI BANK LTD.,
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007 And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C-Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru- 560 001,
And represented by its POA Holder, Sri. Pramodh G, S/o. Gurumalappa.
Age: 45 years. **...PLAINTIFF**
**AND :**
**Mrs. Prema Joseph**
**..DEFENDANT**

**Summons/Notice through Paper Publication**

**Defendant**
**Mrs. PREMA JOSEPH**
Aged about 41 years,
D/o. Moures Lurdu Joseph,
R/at No. 21/1, 17th Cross, Tannery Road, Sagayapuram, Giddappa Block, Bangalore North, Frazer Town, Bangalore-560 005.
**...DEFENDANT**

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted case against you for recovery loan amount Rs.3,88,129/- together with interest at the rate 24% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization.
You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court in person or by a advocate/pleader on 09/01/2023 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the questions of the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as **"EX-PARTE".**
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 17 day of November, 2022.

**By the order of the Court**
**Deputy Registrar,**
**City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore**

**Advocate for Plaintiff**
**Mr. K.N. Arvinda Navada**
**Advocate No. 177/1 (88)**
**1st Floor, Besides 12th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru- 560 002.**

**PERSONAL**

**THANKSGIVING**

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**Thank you Infant Jesus for your kind love and blessings showered on my grandson. Please bless and protect him always. Thank you.**
**Ramadevi venkataraman**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE COURT OF THE XIII ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BENGALURU (CCH-22)**
**ORIGINAL SUIT NO. 25388 OF 2022**

**BETWEEN :**
ICICI BANK LTD.,
A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007 And having its Regional office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C- Wing, Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bengaluru- 560 001,
And represented by its POA Holder, Sri. Pramodh G. S/o. Gurumalappa
Age: 45 years. **...PLAINTIFF**
**AND**
**Sri. Manjunatha M**
**..DEFENDANT**

**Summons/Notice through Paper Publication**

**Defendant**
**Sri. MANJUNATHA.M,**
Aged about 32 years,
Son of Mylarappa,
R/at. No. 42, Indhira Priyadarshini Colony, Near Government Hospital, Arekere, B.G. Road, Bengaluru- 560 076.
**...DEFENDANT**

WHEREAS the above named Plaintiff has instituted case against you for recovery loan amount Rs.05,05,521/- together with interest at the rate 24% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization.
You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble XIII Addl. City Civil and Sessions Judge Court (CCH-22) in person or by a advocate/pleader on 15.12.2022 at 11:00 A.M. to answer the questions of the same. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined as **"EX-PARTE".**
Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this 18 day of November 2022.

**By order of the Court**
**Deputy Registrar,**
**City Civil Court Mayo Hall Unit Bangalore**

**Advocate for Plaintiff**
**Mr. K.N. Arvinda Navada**
**Advocate No. 177/1 (88)**
**1st Floor, Besides 12th Cross, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru- 560 002.**

**PERSONAL**

**CHANGE OF NAME**

**I, SONAM,** R/o No-105 & 106, Lahari Nivas, Rainbow Garden Layout, Begihalli, Bengaluru Rural-560105 have changed my name to Sonam Bhosle vide affidavit dt: 23.11.2022 sworn before Notary Meera H, B'lore

**WE, THYAGARAJAN.N** and Manu.M.S. R/at F-02, lake city residency, TC Palya, KR Puram, Bangalore-36 have changed our daughter's name from Vaishnavi.T to Vaishnavi Thyagarajan vide affidavit dated:21-11-2022 before notary S.Subashini, B'luru-49

**LEGAL NOTICE**

**IN THE COURT OF THE 4th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-21)**
**O.S No. 25257/2022**

**Between :**
ICICI Bank Limited
having its Registered Office at ICICI Tower, Near Chakli Circle, Old Padra Road, Vadodara- 390007 And its Branch Office at Mythri Centre, No.4/10, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068 **...Plaintiff**
**And**
Naveed Khan & Anr.
**...Defendants**

**NOTICE TO DEFENDANT No. 182**

To,
Naveed Khan,
Aged about 39 years,
S/o Rasheed Khan,
R/a: #28/1, NP Factory Road, Kavalbairasandra, R.T. Nagar Post, Kavalbairasandra, R.T. Nagar Post, Opposite P.M.S. College, Bengaluru- 560045
**...Defendant No.1**

Ms. Bhagyavathi,
Aged about 34 years,
D/o Sheshi Bansali Jain,
R/a: #28/1, NP Factory Road, Kavalbairasandra, R.T. Nagar Post, Kavalbairasandra, R.T. Nagar Post, Opposite PM. S. Collegé, Bengaluru- 560045
**...Defendant No.2**

Whereas, the Plaintiff has instituted the above proceedings against you seeking recovery of Rs. 5,91,063.04/- as on 02/11/2021 along with interest at 24% p.a. and other consequential reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear before the Court of the 4th Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore [CCH-21] in person or by a pleader duly instructed and able to answer all material questions relating to the above proceedings on 09/12/2022 at 11:00 A.M. Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day mentioned before, the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under My hand and the seal of this court, this 29th day of 10, 2022

**By order of the Court**
**Deputy Registrar**
**City Civil Court**
**Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore**

**Advocate for Plaintiff**
**Shiva & Co. Advocates,**
**No.109, Commerce House, 9/1, Cunningham Road, Bangalore - 560052**

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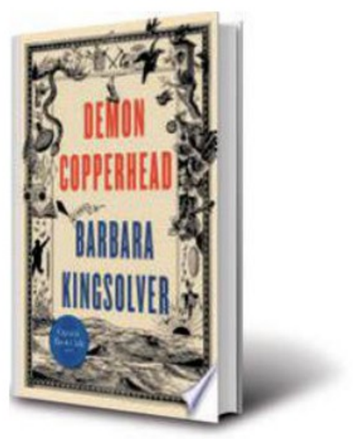
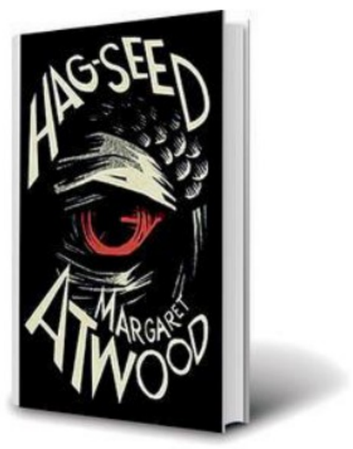



# Barbara Kingsolver gives a makeover to Charles Dickens' David Copperfield

In reimagining the classic, the American writer sets the coming-of-age story in rural America which is in the grip of the burgeoning opioid crisis, following in the footsteps of others like Margaret Atwood who revisited *The Tempest* to tell stories of the present

**Sudipta Datta**

Artists and writers have been redoing the classics for a long time, and whatever the result, it ends up fulfilling one important task: keeping the original alive, and ensuring its popularity. There have been many retellings, for instance, of the Indian epics, the Ramayana and the Mahabharata, Homer's *The Iliad*, set during the Trojan war, and *The Odyssey*, woven around the journey of Odysseus' back home after the war, Shakespeare's plays and the novels of Jane Austen and Charles Dickens or of the Russian masters Leo Tolstoy, Fyodor Dostoevsky and Anton Chekov.

**A modern-day Copperfield**

In her latest novel, *Demon Copperhead* (October, 2022), the American writer Barbara Kingsolver takes Dickens' novel David Copperfield and gives it the Appalachian makeover, placing the story of the protagonist amid the grave opioid crisis that has gripped America. Set in the mountains of southern Appalachia, it's the story of a boy, Damon Fields, who is called Demon with a nickname Copperhead because of his hair colour, born to a teenaged single mother in a trailer, dirt poor and no riches to write home about. In her hands, *David Copperfield's* opening lines – Whether I shall turn out to be the hero of my own life, or whether that station will be held by anybody else, these pages must show. To begin my life with the beginning of my life, I record that I was born (as I have been informed and believe) on a Friday, at twelve o'clock at night. It was remarked that the clock began to strike, and I began to cry, simultaneously – becomes "First, I got myself born."

**These reinterprerations help to stretch the longevity of age-old characters, be it David Copperfield or Prospero**

This pithy line is followed by: "A decent crowd was on hand to watch, and they've always given me that much: the worst of the job was up to me, my mother being let's just say out of it." Kingsolver makes clear her intent from the outset, by choosing these lines from Dickens for the epigraph: "It's in vain to recall the past, unless it works some influence upon the present." Damon will be made to brave the perils of foster care, child labour, bad schools and other crushing experiences as a larger crisis of addiction plays out all around him in Lee County, Virginia. "Kid born to the junkie is a junkie. He'll grow up to be everything you don't want to know....Anybody will tell you the born of this world are marked from the get-out, win or lose."

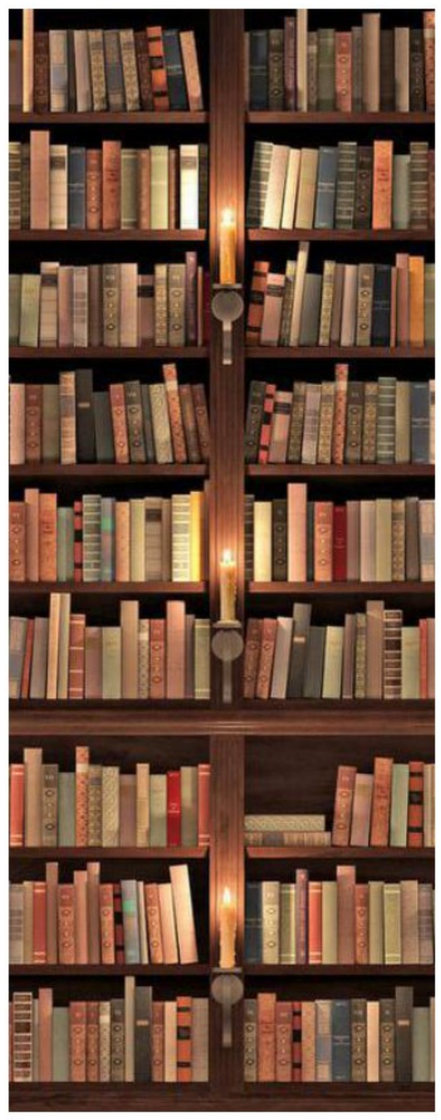
If you know the David Copperfield storyline, Damon will go through it all, the tragedy of having a weak mother, a dead father, a horrible stepfather, a terrible time in school, and yet he will be helped by some friendly outsiders, some not so kind, and then settle down to a family life with some semblance of normalcy. Did he turn out to be a hero like David Copperfield? Well, the fact that he survives against all odds makes Damon Copperhead a heroic figure indeed.

**Shakespeare in fiction**

For the Hogarth Shakespeare project, where several writers were asked to revisit a Shakespeare play in the form of a novel, Canadian writer Margaret Atwood picked *The Tempest*. She called it Hag-Seed, one of the names Prospero uses when he is cursing at his enslaved so-called monster, Caliban. While Jo Nesbo redid *Macbeth*, Anne Tyler took on *The Taming of the Shrew* and so forth. "Having grabbed it [The Tempest], I had misgivings... he is mercurial, many-layered, universal in his empathies, slippery as an eel, and a notorious shape-shifter, taking on fresh forms and variations and interpretations with every new production and in every new age," says Atwood in her essay 'A Tempestuous Love Story' (Burning Questions). Yet, she decided to carry on because Shakespeare himself had been a "well-known re-formulator of previous stories and plots." She sets Hag-Seed in the year 2013, in Canada, as the world witnesses restrictions of freedoms, and it opens with prisoners watching a video of *The Tempest* that's been made by some of them. Suddenly, a riot erupts, and the prison is in lockdown. The backstory revolves around the clash between Felix Phillips, a director of a famed theatre festival, who was ousted by his deputy, Tony. Felix has gathered all his enemies in a prison where he had taken a position as a drama teacher and stages *The Tempest*, hoping to entrap and enchant them and "get both his revenge and his old position back." Though Miranda – Prospero's daughter in the original – is dead in Atwood's novel, she is now a 'spirit-girl' who joins in on it. "The play is about illusions... it's about vengeance versus mercy.... But it's also about prisons. When you come to think of it, just about everyone in the play is imprisoned one way or another at some moment in time," says Atwood, and that is why she set it in a prison.

Just this year itself, there have been several reinterpretations of the classics with Zimbabwean-American writer NoViolet Bulawayo redoing George Orwell's *Animal Farm* to explore happenings in Zimbabwe after the fall of long-time ruler Robert Mugabe. Her new novel, *Glory*, which was shortlisted for the Booker Prize, is set in the animal kingdom of Jidada, where 'Old Horse' and his wife 'Marvellous', a donkey, are ousted in a coup. In the aftermath, there is joy and then despair as things appear to return to chaos. Will a young goat named Destiny be able to bring back hope?

All these novels help to stretch the longevity of characters, from David Copperfield to Prospero (just like Ebenezer Scrooge or Hamlet or King Lear and others). They may be "detached from the story" of their birth but they urge new readers to discover both the original and the reimagined books.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

## *Know your English*

"Mr. Santhakumar Reddy of Rajahmundry wants to know the meaning of the idiom 'a flash in the pan'?"

" 'A flash in the pan' is a sudden, bright start followed by failure. 'A flash in the pan' is a sucessful beginning that ends in failure. As you know, a flash is a sudden burst of light or flame and its duration is short. 'He was a flash in the pan' means that he was a person of brilliant promise but ultimately came to nothing.

*His was a flash-in-the-pan popularity.*

The expression is said to be from the days of flintlock muskets. A flintlock is an old-fashioned gun. A small quantity of gunpowder was placed in the pan of the flintlock. When only sparks were produced but the gun did not fire, it was said there was only 'a flash in the pan'. This is the origin of the term. Hope you understood."

"Yes, sir. How do you use 'refrain' in a sentence? Can you say 'He refrained to do it'?"

"No. 'Refrain' is always followed by 'from' plus a gerund or noun.

*I refrained from criticising him.*

*I refrained from shouting at her.*

'Refrain' is never followed by 'to' "

"Mr. M. Rajesh of Karur wants to know the difference between 'ache' and 'pain', sir "

"'Pain' is the word that is frequently used. The duration of pain can be short or long.

*I have a pain in my finger.*

It can also be used in plural.

*My back pains are bothering me.*

In 'ache' there is dull pain rather than shooting pain.

*I have a headache.*

Both 'pain' and 'ache' can be used figuratively also. Chest pain is physical but heartache is emotional. When a person is being annoying or irritating, you say 'He/she is a pain in the neck'.

*She is a pain in the neck for everybody.*

You can also say 'she is a pain'. 'He is very painstaking' means that he is very careful, he is very industrious.

*He will spare no pains to carry out your instructions.*

*He took pains to see that the function was a grand success.*

You never say he takes 'aches'. You have pain-killers and not ache-killers. Let's stop here. You must be tired."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

## On November 22, Saudi Arabia shocked the world by defeating Argentina at the ongoing FIFA World Cup in Qatar. Here's a quiz on the biggest upsets in sporting history

**Ranjani Srinivasan**

**QUESTION 1**

This semi-final match at the 2014 World Cup was expected to be a close one, with both teams undefeated in the competition. However, the match ended 7-1, with Toni Kroos selected as the man of the match. Name the teams, and the winner.

**QUESTION 2**

In 2009, Rafael Nadal looked unstoppable at the French Open and was on a run of 31 straight wins since his first appearance in 2005. However, that was until he ran into a Swedish player in the fourth round, who became the first person to beat the Spaniard at the French Open. Name him.

**QUESTION 3**

In 1983, India came from behind to defeat West Indies in the 1983 cricket World Cup. Who was the Indian side's highest run-scorer with just 38 runs?

**QUESTION 4**

Touted as 'The Rumble in the Jungle', this heavyweight championship boxing match was fought in 1974 between undisputed heavyweight champion George Foreman and an underdog pugilist in his early 30s. Identify him.

**QUESTION 5**

For this Indian team, the 1928 Amsterdam Olympics was a turning point that initiated an unbeaten streak that continued through to the 1956 summer Olympics. Which sport is this?

**Visual question:**
Name this Saudi player beside Lionel Messi who scored a goal against Argentina at the 2022 FIFA World Cup. GETTY IMAGES

**Questions and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz:** 1. In this series, this alien crash-lands into the garage of the Tanner family. **Ans: *ALF*; Gordon Shumway**

2. The name of Ben Tennyson's wristwatch in *Ben 10*. **Ans: Omnitrix**

3. In *Doctor Who*, the Doctor explores the universe in this time-traveling spaceship. **Ans: TARDIS which is shaped like a blue police box**

4. In *Battlestar Galactica*, these are the main antagonists of the human race. **Ans: Cylons**

5. Demogorgon is a demon associated with this role-playing game and sci-fi show. **Ans: Dungeons & Dragons; *Stranger Things***

6. This series features four anthropomorphic turtle brothers. **Ans: *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.* The turtles are named after Italian Renaissance artists**

7. Identify this hand gesture. **Ans: The Vulcan salute from *Star Trek***

**Early Birds:** Adeeba Nisar| K. N. Viswanathan

## Word of the day

**Peremptory:**
offensively self-assured or given to exercising usually unwarranted power; not allowing contradiction or refusal

**Synonyms:** autocratic, magisterial, dominating, bossy, high-and-mighty

**Usage:** *He spoke in peremptory tones*

**Pronunciation:** bit.ly/peremptorypro

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# Division Bench admits appeal on BBMP ward delimitation verdict

State government files application before High Court seeking three more months from November 30 to notify fresh reservation for the wards

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A Division Bench of the High Court of Karnataka on Wednesday admitted an appeal, which had questioned the single judge's verdict of upholding the delimitation of the wards of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP).

The Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B. Varale and Justice Ashok S. Kinagi passed the order on the appeal filed by M. Sathish Reddy, BJP MLA from Bomanahalli Assembly constituency in the city and the Government's Chief Whip in the Legislative Assembly.

Senior Advocate Ravivarma Kumar, appearing for Mr. Reddy, has contended that the single judge had not considered the aspect of spread of Hulimavu in two Assembly constituencies - Bommanahalli and Bengaluru South. The endorsement given in writing by an officer of the BBMP admitting that ward was split into the two Assembly constituencies was before the single judge but this aspect was not dealt in the September 16 order of upholding the delimitation of the wards.

Though Section 7 of the BBMP Act, 2020, was discussed in single judge's verdict, the aspect of violation of Section 7(b), which states that wards shall be divided within the constituency of a Member of Legislative Assembly and no wards shall be spread over to constituencies with respect of specific violation in Hulimavi ward was not discussed in the judgment.

While observing that the appellant has some arguable points, the Division Bench admitted the appeal and adjourned further hearing after ordering notice to the State government, the State Election Commission, the BBMP and others.

**Extension sought**

Meanwhile, the State government has filed an application before the High Court seeking extension of three more months from November 30 to issue notification fresh notification on reservation of wards as the commission examining the reservation for backward classes is yet to give clarifications sought by the government.

The government has filed the application seeking extension as the court, which had on September 30 quashed the reservation of other backward classes (OBCs) and women, and directed the government to issue fresh reservation notification by November 30 after getting a fresh report from the commission based on empirical data of OBCs. The court had also directed the SEC to complete election by December 30.

The application is yet to come up for hearing before the court.

It has been stated in the application that the commission had on October 30 responded to the government by stating that "its [Commission's] earlier report does not require any change and the reservation adopted in its earlier report is in tune with extant laws."

However, as the government on November 17 sought several clarifications from the commission, which on November 21 sent a communication stating that it would examine the points on which the government has sought clarifications and revert at the earliest.

## INBRIEF

### NSoJ student selected for Global UGRAD

Atul Ranjan, a BA student of the batch of 2023 of National School of Journalism and Public Discourse (NSoJ), has been selected for the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD). The process involved several rounds of interviews and an English eligibility test. Mr. Ranjan is among seven candidates from across India who was selected for this round of the Global UGRAD recruitment process, said a release. The release added that the programme conducted for youngsters from around the world is funded by the United States Department of State and enables undergraduates to spend a semester at any American university.

**Text & Context**
A weekday feature on *The Hindu* epaper (epaper.thehindu.com) carries explainers, special articles and a quiz. In the latest issue (November 24, Thursday), the following explainer is available:

- **Bibliography** | Barbara Kingsolver gives a makeover to Charles Dickens' David Copperfield bit.ly/dickenscopperfield

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# Historians object as new play on Tipu claims he was killed by two Vokkaliga chieftains

**K.V. Aditya Bharadwaj**
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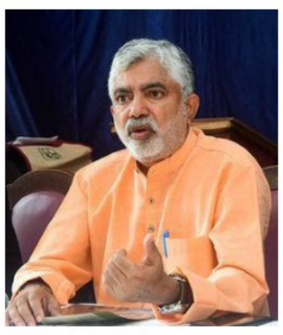

Addanda C. Cariappa

A new play *Tipu Nijakanasugalu* by Addanda C. Cariappa, Director of Rangayana at Mysuru, currently being staged by the repertory has turned controversial for its portrayal of Tipu Sultan and the claim that the Mysuru king did not die fighting the British but was killed by two Vokkaliga chieftains Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda.

While the author describes the play as "a stage adaptation of true history", he is yet to produce evidence to the claim, drawing the ire of historians.

The play opens with the scene of Tipu's death in Srirangapatna fort during the IV Anglo-Mysore War on May 4, 1799. In the climax of the play, Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda, disguised as Tipu's soldiers, describe themselves as "Veera Vokkaligaru", loyal to the Wadiyar rulers of Mysuru, and kill him. They proclaim that with his death ends Tipu's "dream of a Muslim kingdom."

**Historical accounts**

However, historians say this is contrary to accounts in multiple sources.

"There are several British accounts that paint a vivid picture of the day. Tipu was found dead among a pile of bodies after the British breached the fort. He was lying there with bullet wounds, with a sword in his hand. There have been some questions raised on the identity of the soldier who killed him, but definitely not as suggested in the play," said historian P.V. Nanjaraja Urs, author of "Tipu: Manyate Sigada Sultan, Andu, Indu."

He said in his extensive research, he had never come across the names of Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda, neither in official records, folklore or any other sources. He demanded that Mr. Cariappa produce evidence to support his claims.

When asked, Mr. Cariappa claimed the play to be "true history." On the evidence for Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda, he said there was a mention of them in Francis Buchanan's accounts from 1800, when he travelled through the region. "There was the famous Malavalli battle that Buchanan writes about. It was Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda who led that battle, after a few ryots were killed for protesting high taxes imposed by Tipu," he said.

Asked if there was any reference to them killing Tipu, Mr. Cariappa questioned whether people had asked Girish Karnad if British had indeed killed Tipu when he wrote "Tipu Sultana Kanda Kanasu." When pressed further, he said people were free to assume there was no evidence and that would only reflect their "prejudice."

Talakadu Chikkarange Gowda, another historian who has extensively worked on Tipu, said, "The theory that two Vokkaliga chieftains killed Tipu has been pushed by right-wing social media handles for some years, without any evidence, which seems to have been adapted into the play. It is true that there were disturbances after the III Anglo-Mysore War with farmers being burdened with high taxes. Some who were protesting were indeed hanged. But neither in Francis Buchanan's accounts or in any other account have I come across the names of Uri Gowda and Nanje Gowda."

**'Carry disclaimer'**

Amateur historian Nidhin George Olikara, who has been researching on Tipu for three decades, also said nowhere had he come across any evidence to suggest anybody other than the British killed the king. "Hindutva forces who were opposed to The Sword of Tipu Sultan teleserial in 1990 forced the makers to put a disclaimer that it is a work of fiction. If the playwright is not able to substantiate his claims academically, the book and the play need to be mandated to carry the same disclaimer," he demanded.

## Temporary injunction against distribution, sale

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

A city sessions court issued an exparte temporary injunction order against distribution and sale of the controversial play *Tipu Nijakanasugalu* by Addanda C. Cariappa. However, there has been no injunction issued on staging the play, which made its stage debut at Rangayana, Mysuru on Sunday. Mr. Cariappa said the play will continue to be staged and the next show is on Thursday, and that he would legally contest the injunction order against the book in the court.

The petitioner Rafiulla B. S., a former chairperson of the the Bengaluru District Waqf Board, had contested that "the entire book which is written by Mr. Cariappa contains wrong information without any support or justification from history".

"He has stated that the book does not show as to from where he has got the information. He has stated that the book is published without the knowledge of history and on his own interpretation of facts," the order quotes the plaintiff.

# Aero India 2023 to be held in city

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The dates for the air show are yet to be announced. FILE PHOTO

It's official: the 14th edition of Aero India will be held in Bengaluru next year. However, with just over two months left for Asia's biggest air show, the dates are yet to be announced. The dates for the event, usually held during February, are announced months in advance.

Even for the previous edition, despite it being held in the midst of COVID, the dates were announced well in advance.

An official website, Aero India 2023, has gone live mentioning that next year's edition will be at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru which has been hosting it since 1996.

However, there is no mention of dates or any other information, be it about the countries participating or about the exhibitors, on the website.

In the past, there have been speculations that the air show would be moved out of Bengaluru and that it would be held in Uttar Pradesh.

# 12-year-old recovers from severe birth defects after complex surgery

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

After 15 surgeries for severe birth defects, including a complex craniofacial surgery, 12-year-old Aaron Bhadra, who suffered from Craniosynostosis - a birth defect in which the bones in a skull join together too early - has now recovered.

A team of doctors at Aster Hospitals, Bengaluru, and Aster Medcity, Kochi, successfully performed a 12-hour complex craniofacial surgery and have discharged him. The surgery was done through crowdfunding at Aster CMI hospital.

This boy from Kolkatta was born with multiple complications. He did not have nostrils or a palate and had multiple holes in his heart. One of his eyes was completely dysfunctional and doctors suspected that his brain might not function properly too. Since birth, he has undergone 15 different surgeries to survive. The family had sold everything they owned to afford the surgeries.

**Crowdfunding**

He was close to getting his problem fixed with one last major surgery. But his parents could not afford it. Their hope soon arrived in the form of a few well-wishers - the Newslions Media Network Pvt. Ltd. facilitated the treatment along with Milaap through a crowdfunding effort to provide him the craniofacial surgery.

Ravi Gopal Varma, Director - Aster Global Institute of Neurosciences and Lead Consultant - Neurosurgery, said: "Craniosynostosis can cause the head to stop growing in the areas where the sutures (the spaces between a typical baby's skull bones are filled with flexible material) have fused, and expand abnormally in other areas. If left untreated, it can lead to serious complications such as severe and permanent head deformity, increased pressure on the brain, seizures and developmental delay."

The surgery involved entire skull and bones being cut into multiple pieces and then aligned, said Sherry Peter, Senior Consultant, Aster Medcity, Kochi.

# Three arrested on charge of cheating banks

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Alert bank officials helped the police unearth a cheating racket that led to the arrest of three people who were trying to cheat a nationalised bank by pledging fake gold valuables to avail themselves of loan.

The accused have been identified as Arun Raju Kanade, Satyananda and Dattatreya Bakale. The police are now on the lookout for Jayalakshmi, the fourth accused who is on the run.

According to the police, the racket was unearthed when the accused approached Bank of Baroda, Vijayanagar branch, with 235 grams of fake gold seeking loan of ₹7.15 lakh.

The manager got it checked with the appraiser to ascertain the value of the assets and found it to be fake. Suspecting something amiss, the officials alerted the police.

Based on their confession, the police recovered 1,475 grams of fake gold valuables which, according to the police, the accused got custom made through a jeweller from Kolkata.

Using the modus operandi, the accused have cheated many banks in Gujarat, Maharashtra and Karnataka.

# Prostitution racket unearthed; three held

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Cottonpet police unearthed a prostitution racket and arrested three people running it from a lodge in the garb of operating a homecare service from qualified nurses.

Based on a tip-off, a team of police raided Gandharva lodge in Balepete and arrested Archana Ashok Kumar, 37, and her assistants Raghavendra, 30, and Manjunatha, 33.

The trio tied up with the lodge owner to offer services to the customers.

The police are on the lookout for the lodge owner, Krishnappa, and manager Mahadevaswamy.

**Timings**
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## INBRIEF

### Kumaraswamy apologises for use of bad language

Apologising for an uncharitable remark he made in Srinivaspur Assembly constituency against the former Speaker K.R. Ramesh Kumar, the former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy on Wednesday said he was himself feeling hurt about the language that he had used.

"I am sorry if my words have hurt Mr. Ramesh Kumar or anyone. I take back my words," he tweeted. On Tuesday, Mr. Kumaraswamy was caught on camera using abusive language about Mr. Ramesh Kumar while getting into his car after speaking to children who were protesting, demanding better facilities in their dilapidated school at Bangawadi village in Srinivaspur Assembly constituency in Kolar district that is represented by the former Speaker. The video clip had been widely circulated in social media and had come under criticism. Mr. Kumaraswamy said, "I was very angry after seeing the school building in a dilapidated state. The children are being tutored under a peepal tree for the past two to three years."

### Suspended ADGP Amrit Paul's bail plea rejected again

The Lokayukta special court on Wednesday rejected the bail plea of suspended ADGP Amrit Paul, who has been arrested in connection with the PSI recruitment scam. This is the second time that his bail plea has been rejected after the sessions court, in August, quashed it. Mr. Paul, who is accused no. 35 in the case, pleaded in his petition that bail be granted to him as investigation in the case has been completed and submitted that he is not involved in any irregularities nor were the keys of the strong room with him.

# Increased amount will be passed on to nearly one million milk farmers: KMF

The price hike, after nearly two years and 10 months, has come at a time when small and marginal milk producers are moving away from dairy farming owing to rise in input costs

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Karnataka Milk Federation (KMF), which increased the price of Nandini milk and curd by ₹2 from Thursday, said it would pass on the hiked amount to its nearly one million member-farmers who bring milk to the village-level societies daily across the State.

The decision to increase the price was taken at a meeting here on Wednesday, which came after KMF directors and officials met Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on November 21.

While the KMF has been demanding a price revision by ₹5 a litre from last year, it unilaterally announced a hike of ₹3 a litre of milk and curd on November 14, taking the government by surprise. It was only after Mr. Bommai intervened that the new price was put on hold.

Finally, the government on November 21 allowed the hike that would also safeguard the consumer interest, sources said.

Currently, milk producers get between ₹27 and ₹31 a litre. FILE PHOTO

The hike – after nearly two years and 10 months – has come at a time when small and marginal milk producers are moving away from dairy farming owing to rise in input costs and an almost stagnant/lower procurement price given by district milk unions or have started supplying to dairies that offer a higher price.

Currently, milk producers get between ₹27 and ₹31 a litre, depending on the milk union and fat content in the milk besides getting ₹5 a litre as an incentive from the State government. The additional ₹2 will help reduce the burden on the milk producers, who have been hit by nearly 30% hike in the input cost over the last two years.

KMF sources said the hike could bring about relief since a large number of farmers in the border districts, especially Kolar, had started supplying milk to private dairies that sell milk at a higher price. "The federation had seen a steep dip in procurement from a peak 94 lakh litres in June to about 78 lakh litres now."

The KMF has cited the price of milk marketed by private dairies in the State that range from ₹44 to ₹50 a litre.

**New price from today**

- Toned milk (3% fat): **₹39/litre**
- Homogenised toned milk (3% fat): **₹40/litre**
- Homogenised cow milk (3.5% fat): **₹44/litre**
- Special milk (4% fat): **₹45/litre**
- Shubham milk (4.5% fat): **₹45/litre**
- Samrudhi milk (6% fat): **₹50/litre**
- Santrupthi homogenised milk (6% fat): **₹52/litre**
- Curd: **₹47/kg**

# 'Will write to CMs of southern States on steps to fight terror'

**The Hindu Bureau**
HASSAN/MANGALURU

Basavaraj Bommai

Stressing the need for concerted efforts by all States in South India to stop terror activities, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said he will write to his counterparts in the neighbouring States on this issue.

He told presspersons at Halebid in Belur taluk on Wednesday that when he was the Home Minister he had appealed to the Director-Generals of Police of all South Indian States to launch joint efforts to identify sleeper cells.

**18 sleeper cells**

"We identified 18 sleeper cells in Sirsi, Bhatkal, Bengaluru, and other places and sent them to jail. They get trained, commit crimes in a State and escape to a neighbouring State. We have been making efforts to arrest them. Hence, I told the DGs of all States of South India to coordinate and share intelligence. Now, I will write to all the Chief Ministers in this regard," he said.

Meanwhile, in Mangaluru, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra said a decision on "formally" handing over the investigation into the Mangaluru cooker blast case to the National Investigation Agency (NIA) would be taken in a day or two.

Director-General and Inspector-General of Police Praveen Sood said that in any case involving the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA), a report is sent to the NIA immediately. "The State government sent a report on the November 19 Mangaluru blast to the NIA through the Ministry of Home Affairs on November 22 evening," he said. The Home Minister told reporters that investigations so far had revealed that before arriving in Mangaluru on November 19, the suspect, Mohammad Shariq, had visited Kanyakumari, Madurai, Nagarcoil, and Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, and Kochi in Kerala.

# Congress seeks probe by ECI into voter data 'theft'

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Congress on Wednesday submitted a petition to the Chief Election Commissioner and the Election Commission of India, seeking an urgent investigation by the ECI into the alleged "large-scale electoral fraud, malpractice, and manipulation of voters' list" in Bengaluru by the Karnataka government.

This comes a day after the BJP submitted a petition to the ECI stating that the NGO (Chilume Educational Cultural and Rural Development Trust), now accused of collecting illegal data, was roped in during the Congress regime in 2017 and sought action against the party.

In the petition, All-India Congress Committee general secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala, MP, and Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president D.K. Shivakumar urged that the "ECI must initiate criminal law and ensure the registration of an FIR against Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai, and officials and employees of the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike and the State government involved in the scam, and officials of the private entities and NGOs who have committed the fraud under political patronage".

"All this has been done with a view to influence and tamper with the personal information of voters and add or delete names from voters' list for malicious electoral considerations in order to influence the outcome of elections," they said.

The commission must intervene and exercise its power under Article 324 of the Constitution and address this issue by taking stringent action against officials involved in such illegal and *mala fide* acts, the Congress leaders said.

# Form advisory committee to take stock of border dispute, says Siddaramaiah

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Leader of the Opposition Siddaramaiah on Wednesday demanded the constitution of an advisory committee, including him, to take stock of the boundary dispute being pursued by the Maharashtra government in the Supreme Court.

**In-charge Minister**

In a press statement, he also urged the government to nominate a senior Minister as the in-charge Minister for the Maharashtra-Karnataka boundary dispute. Congress MLA H.K. Patil was appointed as the in-charge Minister for the boundary row during the previous Congress government.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said the Border Protection Authority had become defunct following the death of its head and former High court judge K.L. Manjunath and two committee members. He demanded that the government reconstitute the authority to safeguard the interests of the State.

> The Chief Minister had not even consulted the Opposition leaders on the issue, knowing well that the matter would come up before the Supreme Court.
> **SIDDARAMAIAH,** Congress leader

Noting that the Basavaraj Bommai-led government had not done its homework properly to argue the case in the Supreme Court, the Congress leader said the Chief Minister had not even consulted the Opposition leaders on the issue, knowing well that the matter would come up before the Supreme Court.

The Chief Minister on Tuesday said a strong team of senior advocates, including Mukul Rohtagi, Shyam Diwan, and Karnataka's Uday Holla, had been formed and the government was "seriously" laying a claim on Jat taluk in the neighbouring Maharashtra.

Mr. Bommai also said that the State government had decided to provide special grants to Kannada schools in Maharashtra through the Karnataka Border Area Development Authority.

# 'Inflammatory' statement: CM hits back at Fadnavis

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Slamming Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis for making an "inflammatory" statement on Karnataka-Maharashtra border issue, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Wednesday reiterated that not an inch of land from Karnataka would be ceded to Maharashtra.

"Our government is committed in protecting the language, land and water issues of Karnataka," he said on Twitter. "There is no question of giving even an inch of land to Maharashtra. In fact, our argument is to merge predominantly Kannada-speaking Sholapur and Akkalkot areas in Maharashtra with Karnataka."

His statement came after Mr. Fadnavis on Wednesday reiterated Maharashtra's demand to merge Marathi-speaking areas of Karwar, Nippani, and Belagavi in Karnataka with that State. He was reacting to Mr. Bommai's earlier statement over the border issue. Mr. Fadnavis said that Maharashtra would fight to secure Marathi-speaking areas under the legal framework.

Devendra Fadnavis

**'Will not succeed'**

In response, Mr. Bommai said, "Maharashtra has been fighting border issue with Karnataka in the Supreme Court since 2004. So far it has not succeeded and will not succeed in future too. We are ready to put up a strong legal fight."

# Bommai's 'claim' on Maharashtra's Jat taluk triggers row

**The Hindu Bureau**
PUNE

Karnataka Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai's statement that his government was "seriously considering" a resolution to include Maharashtra's Jat taluk in Karnataka has sparked a row.

**Opposition lashes out**

Opposition parties lashed out at the 'weakness' of the Eknath Shinde government in tolerating remarks proposing the alleged "break-up of Maharashtra". "The CM [Mr. Shinde] had said he would discuss the border issue with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his Karnataka counterpart. This can mean only one thing: as both the Centre and Karnataka have BJP-ruled governments, they are bent upon splitting Maharashtra..." Shiv Sena faction MP Sanjay Raut said.

# HC: Consider adopted son of deceased public servant for compassionate appointment

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka has directed the State government consider a 32-year-old man, who is an adopted son of a deceased public servant, for appointment to the public service on compassionate grounds.

A Division Bench comprising Justice Suraj Govindaraj and Justice G. Basavaraj issued the direction while allowing an appeal filed by Girish, a resident of Bagalkot district. The appellant had challenged the singe judge order of dismissing his petition against the rejection of his application for compassionate appointment in 2018.

Pointing out that law is settled by various judgments of the apex court and the High Court that there cannot be a distinction between an adopted son or daughter and the naturally born son or daughter in the law, the Bench said the appellant was entitled for compassionate appointment.

The Bench also rejected the government's plea that the appellant was not eligible as the rule to provide compassionate appointments to adopted children was amended in 2021. When the law is clear about the rights of adopted children, the amendment to the rules does not have any consequences, the Bench said.

Vinayak M. Muttatti, who was working as a Class IV employee in the office of the Assistant Public Prosecutor, Banahatti, had lawfully adopted Mr. Girish in 2011 to take care of the family after he lost his natural-born son in a road accident in 2010. Muttatti died in 2018 and Mr. Girish applied for a compassionate appointment as he had to take care of his mother and mentally challenged sister, the wife and the daughter of Muttatti, respectively.

# BJP MLA criticises Araga

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

Expressing displeasure at being "ignored" by Home Minister Araga Jnanendra after allegedly being assaulted by the public near Mudigere, BJP legislator M.P. Kumaraswamy on Wednesday claimed that since he belonged to a Dalit community, the Home Minister did not even make a courtesy call to enquire about the incident. Mr. Kumaraswamy told reporters here that he had gone to console a family that had lost a woman after being trampled by an elephant. "People nearly pelted stones at me and assaulted me with sticks. At least considering that I am a legislator, Mr. Jnanendra should have spoken to me," he said.

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## INBRIEF

### Tribal poems come alive as group stages play in Idukki

Arguably for the first time, a campus theatre group in Idukki has come up with a new production based on tribal literature of the region. The play, conceptualised by the group from the College of Teacher Education, Nedumkandam, comprises two poems - *Pachaveedu* and *Niranilapenum Kattukathayum* - penned by Ashokan Marayur, a tribal poet. The play was premiered at the college recently.

### 'SIT can serve fresh notice on BJP leader in poaching case'

The Telangana High Court on Wednesday allowed the request of the SIT to serve an additional notice to BJP national general secretary B.L. Santosh in the MLA's poaching attempt case. B. Vijaysen Reddy, however, declined the SIT's plea to vacate the direction issued by him staying arrest of Mr. Santosh. Advocate-General B.S. Prasad and Additional Advocate-General J. Ramchander Rao contended that the BJP leader was violating court direction.

### In SC, T.N. bats for Jallikattu; calls it cultural event

Jallikattu is both a religious and cultural event celebrated by the people of Tamil Nadu and its influence extends beyond the confines of caste and creed, the State government has told the Supreme Court. A Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court led by Justice K.M. Joseph is expected later in the week to hear a batch of petitions seeking to strike down a Tamil Nadu law which protects Jallikattu by claiming that the bull-taming sport is a cultural heritage of the State and is protected under Article 29 (1) of the Constitution.

# Dasara elephant dies after fight with wild tusker

Gopalaswami, aged around 40, was a regular in tiger-combing operations along with Abhimanyu

**The Hindu Bureau**
MYSURU

Dasara elephant Gopalaswami, aged around 40, died in Nagarahole on Wednesday afternoon after sustaining grievous injuries in a fight with a wild tusker.

Describing the events leading to Gopalaswami's death, Harsha, director, Nagarahole Tiger Reserve, said that camp elephants are normally allowed to wander in the jungles and Gopalaswami left the Mathigodu camp on Tuesday afternoon. He was embroiled in a fight with a wild tusker which was in the vicinity and though the mahouts and camp attendants tried to separate the elephants, it was an impossible task. At one point, the mahouts were chased by the wild tusker, said Mr. Harsha.

A file photo of elephant Gopalaswami at Mysuru Dasara.

Gopalaswami was badly mauled by the wild tusker and its internal organs were lacerated and gnashed resulting in severe bleeding. It also suffered a fracture. Though veterinarians treated Gopalaswami, it succumbed to injuries late in the afternoon on Wednesday.

Gopalaswami was captured in Etturu in Sakaleshpur in 2009. Among the more majestic elephants who measured 9.35 ft or nearly 2.85 m in height and was second only to Arjuna (2.95 m), Gopalaswami was a regular in Mysuru Dasara since 2012. During Dasara 2022, he weighed around 5,500 kg and was among the strongest of the lot. Forest Department officials had reposed lot of faith in his abilities to withstand stress and hence, was a regular in combing operation to capture tigers straying into human landscape and along with elephant Abhimanyu, constituted a formidable team.

Given his height and strength, he was projected as a future ''Howdah elephant'' who could take on the mantle of carrying the golden howdah during the Jamboo Savari, according to DCF V. Karikalan, who had monitored him constantly during Dasara.

In 2015, tusker Srirama, died under similar circumstances in K. Gudi when it was mauled by fellow Dasara elephant Gajendra.

# ISRO to launch nine satellites on Saturday

**The Hindu Bureau**
BENGALURU

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) will launch Earth Observation Satellite - 06 (EOS-06) and eight nano satellites on Saturday.

According to the space agency, the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV-C54) will launch the satellites at 11.56 a.m. from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The EOS-6 is a third-generation satellite in the Oceansat series of satellites. ISRO is launching this satellite to provide continuity to the services of Oceansat-2 spacecraft with enhanced payload specifications as well as in application areas.

The eight nano satellites include: ISRO Nano Satellite-2 for Bhutan (INS-2B), Anand, Astrocast (four satellites), and two Thybolt satellites. The INS-2B spacecraft will have two payloads namely NanoMx and APRS-Digipeater.

While the NanoMx is a multi-spectral optical imaging payload developed by Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad, the APRS-Digipeater payload has been jointly developed by the Department of Information Technology and Telecom-Bhutan and the UR Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru.

The Anand nano satellite developed by Bengaluru-based space start-up, Pixxel, is a technology demonstrator to demonstrate the capabilities and commercial applications of miniaturised Earth-observation cameras for Earth observation using a microsatellite in Low Earth Orbit. Astrocast, developed by Hyderabad-based Dhruva Space, is a 3U spacecraft. It is a technology demonstrator satellite for the Internet of Things.

The U.S.-based Spaceflight has developed Thybolt which is a 0.5U spacecraft bus that includes a communication payload to enable rapid technology demonstration and constellation development for multiple users.

ISRO said that the PSLV-C54 will launch EOS-06 and the eight nano satellites into two different Sun-synchronous polar orbits.

"The primary satellite (EOS-06) will be separated in Orbit-1. Subsequently, an orbit change has been planned by using two orbit change thrusters introduced in the propulsion bay ring of the PSLV-C54. The passenger payloads will be separated in Orbit-2," ISRO said.

## WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday

TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 17.00 HRS)

**Forecast for Thursday:** No weather forecast available.

| CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN | CITY | RAIN | MAX | MIN |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Agartala | — | 28.6 | 14.7 | Kozhikode | — | 33.6 | 23.8 |
| Ahmedabad | — | 31.6 | 15.1 | Kurnool | — | 33.0 | 23.3 |
| Aizawl | — | — | 16.1 | Lucknow | — | 26.6 | 12.5 |
| Allahabad | — | 29.5 | 11.7 | Madurai | — | 35.2 | 22.8 |
| Bengaluru | — | 24.1 | 19.6 | Mangaluru | — | 30.8 | 23.4 |
| Bhopal | — | — | 11.0 | Mumbai | — | 32.8 | 22.6 |
| Bhubaneswar | — | 31.0 | 19.1 | Mysuru | 10.0 | 30.0 | 16.4 |
| Chandigarh | — | 26.8 | 10.3 | New Delhi | — | 26.7 | 10.5 |
| Chennai | — | 30.2 | 24.0 | Patna | — | 27.7 | 12.0 |
| Coimbatore | — | 31.3 | 20.9 | Port Blair | — | 29.9 | 25.3 |
| Dehradun | — | 26.3 | 10.8 | Puducherry | — | 28.8 | 23.2 |
| Gangtok | — | 21.1 | 11.1 | Pune | — | 30.9 | 16.2 |
| Goa | — | 31.0 | 23.0 | Raipur | — | 29.5 | 12.0 |
| Guwahati | — | 29.4 | 16.8 | Ranchi | — | 25.9 | 12.6 |
| Hubballi | — | 26.0 | 21.0 | Shillong | — | 21.0 | 9.2 |
| Hyderabad | — | 29.6 | 21.7 | Shimla | — | 19.5 | 7.8 |
| Imphal | — | 28.0 | 9.9 | Srinagar | — | 15.0 | -0.8 |
| Jaipur | — | 27.3 | 12.2 | Thiruvananthapuram | — | 31.8 | 22.5 |
| Kochi | — | 30.2 | 23.0 | Tiruchi | — | 33.7 | 23.4 |
| Kohima | — | 22.8 | 9.0 | Vijayawada | 0.8 | 31.6 | 23.6 |
| Kolkata | — | 29.1 | 16.9 | Visakhapatnam | — | 31.8 | 25.2 |

*(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)*

**Pollutants in the air you are breathing**

| CITIES | $SO_2$ | $NO_2$ | CO | PM2.5 | PM10 | CODE |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Ahmedabad | .42 | ..97 | ..8 | ..... 71 | ...104 | ..... |
| Bengaluru | ...7 | ..16 | 49 | ..... 40 | ....57 | ..... |
| Chennai | .13 | ..28 | 99 | ..... 40 | ....37 | ..... |
| Delhi | ..— | ..— | 76 | ... 279 | ...322 | ..... |
| Hyderabad | ...4 | ..30 | 39 | ... 169 | .....— | ..... |
| Kolkata | .31 | ..92 | 35 | ... 294 | ...190 | ..... |
| Lucknow | .14 | ..71 | 81 | ... 229 | ...172 | ..... |
| Mumbai | ...9 | ..17 | 86 | ... 306 | ...237 | ..... |
| Pune | ...6 | ..10 | 43 | ..... 27 | ....26 | ..... |
| Visakhapatnam | .31 | ..33 | 22 | ... 102 | ....95 | ..... |

**Yesterday**

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bettiah, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 429 indicating a severe level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 27

**Air Quality Code:** Poor | Moderate | Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

**$SO_2$:** Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

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The FIR is also filed with The Police Sub-Inspector, Indiranagar Police Station, Indiranagar, Bangalore – 560038 on 17.11.2022 & the FIR no. is 0387498/2022.
If any person/s get these documents we request you to kindly sent it to our above bank branch address.
Date: 10.11.2022 Sd/-
Palce: Bangalore SANDIP JAISWAL (CHIEF MANAGER)

Department of Health and Family Welfare
Shri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister
Shri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

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Hon'ble Minister for Health & Family Welfare and Medical Education
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**TENDER NOTIFICATION**
(e-Procurement mode only)
KPTCL invites bid against enquiry no: KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AEE-3/22-23/EPR-33 Dt: 07.11.2022 for the work of "Procurement of Safety and T&P materials for usage at various sub-stations coming under BMAZ(N).
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**
The General public are hereby notified that, our clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners **SMT.LEELAVATHAMMA** W/o late Sri.G.T.Krishnappa Reddy, **SRI.G.M.THIMMA REDDY** S/o late Sri.G.T.Mariswamy Reddy, **SRI.G.V.SATISHA REDDY** S/o late Sri.G.T.Venkataswamy Reddy, **SRI.G.V.PALAKSHA** S/o late Sri.G.T.Venkataswamy Reddy, **SRI.G.K.GANEHSA** S/o late Sri.G.T.Krishnappa Reddy, **SRI.G.V.CHANDRASHEKHARA REDDY** S/o late Sri.G.T.Venkataswamy Reddy, **SRI.G.K.SURESH** S/o late Sri.G.T.Krishnappa Reddy and other legal heirs of **SRI.G.T.MARISWAMY REDDY** S/o late Sri.Thimmaiah, **SRI.G.T.VENKATASWAMY REDDY** S/o late Sri.Thimmaiah, **SRI.G.T.KRISHNAPPA REDDY** S/o late Sri.Thimmaiah **& SRI.G.V.NAGARAJA REDDY** S/o late Sri.G.T.Venkataswamy Reddy, residents of Gunjur Village, Varthur Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru Urban District. The Owners represent that they are the absolute owners of the Schedule property and have freehold marketable, right, title and interest therein.
Apart from the above owners, if any person has any manner of claim, right, title, interest or demand of any nature in or over the Schedule property or any part thereof, the same shall be filed with the undersigned with supporting documents, within **14 (fourteen) days** from the date of this Notice. Objections and or the claims received after expiry of the stipulated period will not be binding on our clients.
**SCHEDULE**
All that piece and parcel of the property bearing **Municipal No.4** (Site No.41 & 42), **PID No.27-7-4**, measuring East to West 128½ feet and North to South 106½ feet, in all measuring 13685 Sq.ft, with a building thereon, situated at **B B Naidu Road, 1st Cross, Gandhinagar**, Bengaluru, within the administrative jurisdiction of BBMP ward No.27 and bounded as follows:
East by : 3rd Main Gandhinagar
West by : Conservancy lane
North by : Property bearing Old No.43
South by : 1st Cross Gandhinagar
Sd/- BAYYA REDDY. M
**For ISHA LAW CHAMBERS LLP**
**Advocates & Solicitors**
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It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule Property from its Owners: **Smt.SHASHI PRABHA PATNI** W/o Sri.Basantilal Patni and **Smt.MANJU JAIN** W/o Sri.Rajkumar Patni, residing at No.102/1, RKS Mansion, 1st Floor, 2nd Main, 8th Cross, Chamrajpet, Bangalore-560018.
Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.
**SCHEDULE**
All that piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal Nos.4 (PID No.28-100-4), 5 (PID No.28-100-5), 8 (PID No.28-100-8) and 9 (PID No.28-100-9), together measuring East to West 67 ft, North to South on the Eastern side 38 ft 3 inches and North to South on the Western side 26 ft 3 inches, with a building thereon, situated at OTC Road, 2nd Cross, L.V.Temple Street, Bangalore and bounded on:
East by : Private property
West by : L.V.Temple Street
North by : Passage and after that property bearing No.3 and property bearing No.9
South by : Property bearing Nos.6 and 7 belonging to Smt.Shashi Prabha Patni & Smt.Manju Jain
Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
**Goutam Associates**
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road, Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

## Space, not time

### Equal tenure security for CEC and ECs will boost panel's independence

The ongoing hearing before a Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court of India on the need to have a neutral mechanism for appointment of Election Commissioners raises important questions on the election body's functional independence. The Election Commission of India (ECI) has generally enjoyed a high reputation for holding free and fair polls since the dawn of the Republic, although not immune to charges of favouring the ruling party. However, given the Court's vocal concern about the ECI's independence, the relevant question now is whether the Commissioners should be appointed on the recommendation of an independent body. Article 324(2) envisages a parliamentary law for the purpose, but no law has been enacted so far. The Government is pushing back strongly against the Court's apparent inclination to devise an independent mechanism, possibly a selection committee that includes the Chief Justice of India. The perceived legislative vacuum could provide an occasion for the Court to frame a process on its own – something the Government, quite rightly, wants to avoid. There is no doubt an independent body doing the selection will enhance the ECI's independence, but the Court will have to decide if it wants to spell out its composition or leave it to Parliament.

Justice K.M. Joseph, heading the Bench, has noted that Chief Election Commissioners (CEC) in the past had fairly long tenures, unlike in recent times. However, it should be remembered that since 1993, the ECI has become a multi-member body, comprising a CEC (chairman) and two Election Commissioners (EC). The current convention is to appoint ECs, and elevate them as CEC on the basis of seniority. In effect, it is the appointment process for ECs that requires scrutiny as it is here that there is scope for personal whimsy to play a role. The CEC has a six-year tenure, but should demit office on attaining 65. The Court has questioned the practice of appointing CECs close to that age so that they have only a brief tenure. However, it may be argued that even Chief Justices have brief tenures, but that does not undermine their independence. The Government has contended that a member's whole tenure in the ECI should be considered, and not merely the duration as CEC. The real difference is security of tenure that could come from operational freedom and space. While Supreme Court judges have security of tenure – they can be removed only by impeachment by Parliament – only the CEC enjoys the same status. The ECs can be removed on the CEC's recommendation. There is a good case for extending the same tenure security to the ECs too, regardless of what kind of appointment process is in place.

## Time to ease norms

### Masks must remain mandatory only for the vulnerable, in health-care settings

As the third winter begins in India after the COVID-19 pandemic began in January 2020, fresh daily infections of the novel coronavirus – there was a small spike in July and August – have been dipping since the third wave peaked in late January 2022. Daily new cases nationally dropped below the 1,000-mark after November first week, and below 500 in the last four days. While the case decline may not be a true reflection of the actual level of infection in the population, given the low level of testing across the country, the test positivity rate and the number of hospitalisations due to moderate to severe COVID-19 disease are at a low level – a far cry from the peak of the second wave in 2021. COVID-19 deaths too have been very low, with many States not reporting any for days together; Kerala has been reporting some backlog deaths on certain days but nil fresh deaths on many days. Nationally, the case fatality rate was 1.19% as of November 22. The situation in India is vastly different from what it is like in a few other countries where the daily infections are witnessing a sharp spike. Even the extremely high transmissive Omicron sub-lineages and recombinant lineages have only caused a small spike in fresh cases but no concomitant increase in hospitalisations or deaths in India.

Given the very low number of cases and hospitalisations, the situation in India is no longer cause for concern. Even with most businesses and educational institutions back to functioning as in the pre-pandemic days and large gatherings being seen even in poorly ventilated places with almost no voluntary mask wearing, there has been no spike in cases since the peak of the third wave. This makes a strong case to ease any mandatory COVID-appropriate behaviour, masks included. A week ago, India made mask wearing optional for air passengers precisely because of the improved ground situation. It is only in hospitals and health-care settings that mask wearing should remain mandatory. The low level of infection notwithstanding, it is advisable that the vulnerable population including the elderly and those with comorbidities at least wear a mask to reduce the risk of infection. Long COVID is real and poses a risk even to otherwise healthy people. The virus is evolving, and the emerging variants of concern will, by default, be even more highly transmissive. Their lethality cannot be predicted as transmission happens prior to disease onset and so the selection pressure is for higher transmission and not disease severity.

# Fixing India's malnutrition problem

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The Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2022 has brought more unwelcome news for India, as far as its global ranking on a vital indicator of human development is concerned. India ranked 107 out of 121 countries. The Government of India attempted to discredit the index immediately in its attempt to deny the findings of the report, even going so far as to term it a conspiracy against India.

The GHI is an important indicator of nutrition, particularly among children, as it looks at stunting, wasting and mortality among children, and at calorific deficiency across the population. And this is by no means an international conspiracy – India's National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5) from 2019-21 reported that in children below the age of five years, 35.5% were stunted, 19.3% showed wasting, and 32.1% were underweight.

**Government schemes are not delivering**

Experts have suggested several approaches to address the problem of chronic malnutrition, many of which feature in the centrally-sponsored schemes that already exist. However, gaps remain in how they are funded and implemented, in what one might call the plumbing of these schemes.

For instance, the Government of India implements the Saksham Anganwadi and Prime Minister's Overarching Scheme for Holistic Nutrition (POSHAN) 2.0 scheme (which now includes the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme), which seeks to work with adolescent girls, pregnant women, nursing mothers and children below three. However, the budget for this scheme for FY2022-23 was ₹20,263 crore, which is less than 1% more than the actual spend in FY2020-21 – an increase of less than 1% over two years.

The other flagship scheme of the Government of India is the PM POSHAN, or Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman, known previously as the Mid-Day Meal scheme (National Programme of Mid-Day Meal in Schools). The budget for FY2022-23 at ₹10,233.75 crore was 21% lower than the expenditure in FY2020-21. Even if we accept that 2020-21 was an exceptional year (due to the COVID-19 pandemic), it is clear that the budgets being allocated are nowhere near the scale of the funds that are required to improve nutrition in the country.

> Not only are key nutrition schemes underfunded but even what is available is not being spent effectively

An Accountability Initiative budget brief reports that per capita costs of the Supplementary Nutrition Programme (one of the largest components of this scheme) has not increased since 2017 and remains grossly underfunded, catering to only 41% of the funds required. The budget brief also mentions that over 50% Child Development Project Officer (CDPO) posts were vacant in Jharkhand, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, and Rajasthan, pointing to severe manpower constraints in successfully implementing the scheme of such importance. And while PM POSHAN (or MDM) is widely recognised as a revolutionary scheme that improved access to education for children nationwide, it is often embroiled in controversies around what should be included in the mid-day meals that are provided at schools. Social audits that are meant to allow for community oversight of the quality of services provided in schools are not carried out routinely.

To summarise, not only are key nutrition schemes underfunded, but it is also the case that the funds available are not being spent effectively. Fixing these schemes is the obvious answer to addressing India's multi-dimensional nutrition challenge.

**Cash transfers and the factor of reliance**

Cash transfers seem to be a favoured solution for several social sector interventions in India today, and this includes the health and nutrition sectors. Much is made of the JAM trinity (Jan Dhan bank accounts, Aadhaar, Mobile). Equally appealing is the characteristic of cash transfers as a mechanism that yields rich political dividends. Riding on the digital infrastructure available in India, it is said that targeting the right beneficiaries (i.e., pregnant women and families with children under the age of five) is possible. Cash also has the advantage of expanding choice at the household level, as they make decisions on what to put on their plates.

But evidence of the impact of cash transfer on child nutrition in India is limited so far. Evidence from elsewhere too suggests primarily that while cash transfers improve household food security, they do not necessarily translate into improved child nutrition outcomes.

The effect of cash transfers is also limited in a context where food prices are volatile and inflation depletes the value of cash. Equally, there are social factors such as 'son preference', which sadly continues to be prevalent in India and can influence household-level decisions when responding to the nutrition needs of sons and daughters. This calls for a comprehensive social education programme – cash alone cannot solve this. Further, a study of the Mamata scheme in Odisha that targeted pregnant and lactating women, showed that there were persistent socio-economic discrepancies in the receipt of cash transfers, especially in comparison to entitlements received through the Public Distribution System (PDS). Thus, cash may be part of the solution, but on its own, it is no panacea.

**Back to the basics**

Malnutrition has been India's scourge for several years now. Political battles over malnutrition are not going to help; nor is continuing to think in silos. It is clear that malnutrition persists due to depressed economic conditions in large parts of the country, the poor state of agriculture in India, persistent levels of unsafe sanitation practices, etc.

Cash transfers have a role to play here, especially in regions experiencing acute distress, where household purchasing power is very depressed. Cash transfers can also be used to incentivise behavioural change in terms of seeking greater institutional support. Food rations through PDS and special supplements for the target group of pregnant and lactating mothers, and infants and young children, are essential.

Persistently under-funded and poorly implemented public programmes (such as the erstwhile ICDS and MDM schemes) must take a large share of the blame for India's malnutrition problem. But getting these schemes right requires greater involvement of local government and local community groups in the design and delivery of tailored nutrition interventions. A comprehensive programme targeting adolescent girls is required if the inter-generational nature of malnutrition is to be tackled.

The need of the hour is to make addressing child malnutrition the top priority of the government machinery, and all year around. A month-long POSHAN Utsav may be good optics, but is no substitute for painstaking everyday work.

# India is losing its cherished right to know

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The most vital mandate of the Central Information Commission, the apex body under India's transparency regime, is to decide whether certain information sought by a citizen ought to be disclosed or not. Its primary duty is to decide the disclosure or the non-disclosure of information. But the commission has seemingly relinquished this primary duty in cases of larger public importance.

Citizens can file applications under the Right to Information Act with any public body and are guaranteed a reply from the public information officer of that public body within 30 days. In case of a no reply or dissatisfaction with the response, the citizen can file an appeal at the departmental level and then a second and final appeal with the Information Commission. Each State has its own State Information Commission to deal with second appeals concerning State bodies.

At the centre, it is the Central Information Commission (CIC). Until the 2019 amendment to the RTI Act, Information Commissioners (ICs) appointed to the CIC were equal in status to the Chief Election Commissioner, and that of a Supreme Court judge. They had a five-year fixed term and terms of service. After the amendments of 2019, the Centre gave itself powers to change and decide these terms whenever it wished, thereby striking at the independence of the commission and those who man it.

**From transparency to hurdles**

The CIC was a functioning institution until four years ago. It had passed orders seeking transparency in many cases of public importance – from boldly pronouncing that political parties were under the RTI Act's ambit, and hence accountable to the public, to ordering disclosure of the current Prime Minister's education qualifications and the Reserve Bank of India's list of willful defaulters of loans. The commission acted as a strong proponent of transparency in public life.

Now, the CIC has become more like a walking dead institution, where records will show that not a single order for disclosure has been forthcoming in matters of public importance. The present set of Information Commissioners have together adopted a new jurisprudence that has created additional hurdles in a citizen's quest for accountability.

> The possibility that the very institution mandated to guard India's transparency regime could also be responsible for its own downfall is cause for concern

Cases at the CIC come up for a hearing roughly after a two year wait. If the matter is not already infructuous or lost its significance, one can look forward to the commission deciding one's case. But in matters of public importance, such as cases seeking disclosure of files related to the national lockdown during COVID-19, or the case seeking disclosure of data pertaining to phone tapping orders passed by the Home Ministry, the Commission has adopted a new way of delegating its mandate – to decide cases – to the Ministry before it (the very same party that stands accused of prohibiting transparency). In most cases, the Ministries reiterate their earlier stand of non-disclosure, most often under vague grounds of national interest.

More worryingly, after these public authorities pass fresh orders, which are usually a reiteration of their earlier stand against disclosure, the CIC refuses to accept any further challenge to such orders, therefore, refusing to do its duty of deciding the cases. One of the cardinal rules of natural justice is that no one should be a judge in their own cause. However, the commission now allows, or rather wants, the very Ministry that stands accused of violating the RTI Act to act as the judge in their own cause and decide whether a disclosure is necessary.

A similar situation arose when the CIC refused to hear the Internet Freedom Foundation's challenge to the fresh non-disclosure order passed by the Home Ministry in the phone tapping case. The organisation had the resources to challenge this before the Delhi High Court and enforce their right to a fair hearing before the Commission. But many do not, in a country where a small percentage of the populace has the access and the resources to justice redress. And it is not as though the Information Commissioners were not made aware of this problem with their orders. They were. Hence, the need to strongly protest such conduct on their part which continues.

**Fairly simple to handle**

More recent examples from CIC cases do not instill confidence about where India's information regime is headed. In a case seeking disclosure of documents relating to the making of the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Amendment Act, 2019, the commission has resorted to keeping the matter pending for final order for more than three months now, something which is unheard of. Unlike court cases, RTI matters do not involve complex legal arguments and are fairly simple to adjudicate. In another case related to disclosure of non-performing assets and top defaulters of a co-operative bank, the matter was listed out-of-turn to issue a "stay" order against the Bank's First Appellate Authority's order for disclosure. A stay order is unheard of and there is no provision in the RTI Act for the same.

One cannot help but ask whether actions or inactions such as these are meant to deliberately frustrate citizens who dare to seek answers from the powers that be, and reduce the efficiency of the RTI Act. The effects are already being felt. It is getting more difficult, if not impossible, to extract any information of importance under the present dispensation. Bureaucrats reject RTIs with glee with no fear of facing penal provisions outlined in Section 20 of the RTI Act, knowing fully well that they have a free hand under the Information Commissioners.

To even think of the possibility of the very institution mandated to guard India's transparency regime to be responsible for its downfall should set alarm bells ringing as far as civil society and citizens who care and dare to question are concerned. Dark clouds surround India's transparency regime. Citizens have to mount intense pressure on authorities to act and appoint commissioners of integrity. Lawyers have to help willing citizens take matters to court and seek justice. If there is a failure to do so, India will lose its cherished right to know.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**ECI needs reforms**

The independence and the integrity of the institution of the Election Commission of India cannot be allowed to be eroded by any government. In the absence of constitutional provisions for the selection of the Chief Election Commissioners/Election Commissioners, this has become the prerogative of the executive. But the selection of ECs must be done by a committee, which includes the Chief Justice of India and the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha. Second, after retirement, the CECs/ECs should altogether be barred from taking up any official position or even nomination to become a Member of Parliament or Legislature.

**S.K. Khosla,**
Chandigarh

Irrespective of the hue or the nature of the ruling party/dispensation at the Centre, it has a pronounced tendency/propensity to make the ECI a scarecrow. There have been many reasons to believe that polling dates are announced or fixed to suit the convenience and interests of the party in power. If a CEC is given a reasonably longer tenure, it should help him to function much more efficiently and impartially. But the powers-that-be that vociferously speak about the 'beauty' and the 'might' of democracy from the rooftops have no intention at all to practise democratic principles and values. The selection of CECs by a panel comprising the Prime Minister, the Leader of the Opposition and the country's Chief Justice is a must. Will the country ever get a CEC in the mould of the intrepid T.N. Seshan?

**C.G. Kuriakose,**
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**Man-animal conflict**

An incident where a bus driver in Kerala was forced to reverse his bus over eight kilometres on a narrow forest road to save his passengers from an angry elephant is shocking. The wildlife department needs to ensure that such incidents do not recur. Elephant and tiger populations are increasing manifold, posing a threat to life. Steps must be taken to reduce man-animal conflicts.

**J.K. John,**
Kattoor, Kerala

**Saudi Arabia stuns**

With the stunning defeat of Argentina by Saudi Arabia at the FIFA World Cup in Doha, the game is turning out to be a great leveller. This year, reputation and form have been tossed aside, as examples in European fixtures show. Let us see what more unfolds at the World Cup.

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# India's G-force moment

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G20 is usually about a lot of polite, sanctimonious motherhood – 'wash your hand before you eat' kind of statements. Decision-making happens only when all the 20 countries of the group given their consent on any major step. That, as any organisational theorist will tell you, is an impossibility.

However, given Prime Minister Narendra Modi's acute ability to turn almost anything into an opportunity, India must push through a few tangible changes which will have a profound impact on the global system. The moment of India's ascent to the G20 presidency coincides with the country's 75th year of Independence. This opportunity must not be frittered away. Together, the G20 members represent over 80% of the world's GDP, 75% of international trade and 60% of the population. There are a few wins possible for India.

**Policy formulation**

Traditionally, the presiding country usually comes up with its own policy formulation. For example, the Italian presidency's agenda rested on the three pillars of people, planet, and prosperity. The Saudi presidency also had three objectives: empowering people, safeguarding the planet, and shaping new frontiers. India must come up with a formulation that showcases its true strengths.

First, the world needs new windows for financing climate infrastructure. Using the G20, India should press the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the World Bank Group and the Asian Development Bank to open new windows for financing climate infrastructure to support the Panchamrit goals.

Traditionally, the IMF provides financial support for balance of payments needs. But now even countries such as India, which are economically sound, need finances for invests in climate-related infrastructure. Unlike the World Bank, the IMF functions exclusively via grants. It is flush with funds and is seeking avenues to invest. If India manages to persuade the IMF to open a window for climate financing, it would be significant.

Second, India should use the G20 to roll-out the India Stack on the global stage. India Stack is the world's largest digital public utility and is growing by leaps and bounds. Some of its principal components are Aadhaar, UPI, eKYC, DigiLocker. Mr. Modi has often been asked, in various global forums, to share the design and implementation framework of India Stack. If India does this using G20 as a platform, it will enable the country to be showcased on the global stage and other countries to leapfrog their own systems. Showcasing India Stack would further enhance India's prestige abroad.

Third, India could use the platform to push its own agenda and South Asia's agenda on a global scale – for example, by coming up with an alternative financial mechanism to SWIFT, which is a U.S. monopoly; and taking baby steps for making the rupee more international.

Fourth, India should leverage the G20 to re-imagine the shareholding structures of the IMF and World Bank. This is easier said than done. While a lot of conversations have taken place around India's position in the United Nations Security Council, that is yet to happen. Still, it is time to begin conversations around restructuring the World Bank and the IMF, so that they bear fruit sometime in the future. The current structures of the World Bank and the IMF are at variance with the emerging world in general and India in particular. India can use the leadership to re-imagine the shareholding structure in such a way that it reflects its global aspirations and power position and also those of other emerging markets.

Fifth, India, like the European Union, represents a multicultural and multi-religious quasi-federal structure. There are different States, or Europe-like countries, within India's border. India has a rich culture. The G20 would be a good platform for India to showcase the multiple and myriad aspects of its composite culture so that the world begins to appreciate the richness and cultural tenacity of the country.

This is a big moment for India to showcase and influence soft power abroad, as the brilliant and powerful diaspora is doing right now. This can be a great moment to bring together the power of the diaspora and the power of Indian culture on a single platform. The world needs an alternative to the U.S.'s soft power and culture, which have been ubiquitous for a long time.

Lastly, India receives around 17 million-18 million tourists every year. Compare this to Las Vegas, a city in the U.S., which alone gets over 30 million tourists. India has a huge potential to boost tourism. Amitabh Kant, the IAS officer who was a key driver of initiatives such as 'Incredible India!' and 'God's Own Country', is now the G20 Sherpa. Can the various G20 meetings not be held in the Top 25 destinations of India to power the tourism industry?

**Building consensus**

G20 is all about just one thing – reconciling the irreconcilable. If there is one country which has the stature to make this happen, it is India. The country has earned its stripes during tough external and internal times through its deft economic management (inflation is 11% and rising in the U.K.; 9% in the U.S., and 7% and falling in India). Further, the development and roll-out of COVID-19 vaccines in India was remarkable. India has justifiably earned global accolades for both these achievements and is thus well-positioned to beat into place a tough but necessary consensus on the G20 platform. If anyone can provide leadership and make this happen, it is India under the leadership of Mr. Modi at this moment.

If there one country which has the stature to reconcile the irreconcilable at the G20, it is India

# Perceived oppressor or saviour?

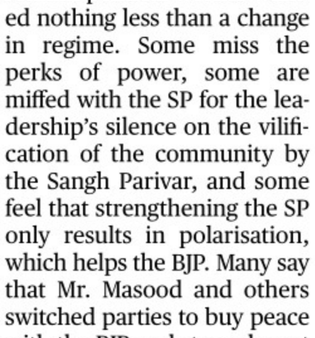
## Why the BJP and Muslims are taking steps towards each other

**STATE OF PLAY**

**Anuj Kumar**

Three days ago, Fasahat Ali Khan Shanu, a close aide of Samajwadi Party (SP) leader Azam Khan, switched to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) ahead of the bypoll in Rampur. Mr. Shanu gave three reasons for his decision: one, the role of Abduls (common Muslims) in the SP and other secular parties, he alleged, was just to lay the carpet for the leadership; two, the BJP government did not discriminate against Muslims in the implementation of its schemes; and three, the BJP promised him honour. Mr. Shanu echoed what the Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister, Brajesh Pathak, said while addressing a rally for Pasmanda Muslims in Rampur: "*Ab Pasmanda Muslim bade miyan ka hukka nahin bharega*." By this, Mr. Pathak meant backward Muslims will no longer serve the interests of upper-class Muslims like Mr. Khan.

But Mr. Shanu, who faces multiple criminal cases, is no Pasmanda. Recent events including the switch of SP leaders Imran Masood and Ali Yusuf Ali to the BJP, the support of the Jamiat Ulema-e-Hind to the madrasa survey, and the meeting of a section of the Muslim intelligentsia with the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) show that the BJP and the Muslims are taking steps gingerly towards each other. Such overtures are a response to the global outcry following (now expelled) BJP spokesperson Nupur Sharma's controversial comments on the Prophet. Also, with the Lok Sabha election just over a year away, the BJP is keen to make its mark in the pockets of influence of leaders such as Mr.




Khan, Mukhtar Ansari and Nahid Hasan. It hopes that these will either shift to the BJP or coalesce behind the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), the only party that is vocal on Muslim issues and that could impact the poll results in favour of the BJP. Curiously, in his rallies before the Assembly polls in U.P., AIMIM chief Asaduddin Owaisi would also ask, "*Abdul kab tak Samajwadi Party ke liye dari bichhayega* (How long will common Muslims lay the carpet for the SP)?"

U.P. voted for 34 Muslim candidates in the last Assembly polls: 32 from the SP and two from the Rashtriya Lok Dal. But it seems as though the Muslim political worker wanted nothing less than a change in regime. Some miss the perks of power, some are miffed with the SP for the leadership's silence on the vilification of the community by the Sangh Parivar, and some feel that strengthening the SP only results in polarisation, which helps the BJP. Many say that Mr. Masood and others switched parties to buy peace with the BJP and stay relevant in their constituencies as the ruling party is busy displacing the strongmen of SP through administrative and judicial processes. Observers say the shift of Mr. Shanu and Mr. Masood to other parties is not very different from the recent bonhomie between some Muslim intellectuals and the RSS. A proverb often heard among the clerics of Deoband or the self-proclaimed vote managers of the Muslim community in Rampur and Aligarh goes: "*Pani main rehkar magarmachch se bair nahin ki jati* (You can't live in the water and fight the crocodile)."

Despite the rhetoric around the lack of discrimination in the implementation of government schemes, many Muslims believe that the BJP-led government is trying to reinforce their religious identity by surveying madrasas and enemy properties. Cases of hate speech are being assiduously followed against Opposition leaders while the BJP gives its own rabble-rousers a long rope. Yati Narsinghanand Saraswati's comments against Islam have become so common as to be treated as mundane.

A section of Muslims, who realise that Hindutva politics and competitive communalism are here to stay, suggest indifference to politics could minimise the friction. They wonder why Muslims should take the sole responsibility for defeating the BJP. But they are equally worried by the BJP's ability to consistently find issues to target the community. They worry not so much about the Gyanvapi mosque or the Uniform Civil Code as they do about the vicious social media messaging around the government's attempts to streamline records of Waqf property and remove encroachments of enemy properties. Observers say the right-wing ecosystem is generating a sense in rural areas that Muslims are sitting on swathes of illegally occupied property. Is the BJP, the perceived oppressor, being seen as a saviour? Or are the two sides only trying to safeguard their interests till 2024?

# Milk inflation at a 7.5-year high, prices are lower in the south

## The price rise will disproportionately impact women in poorer households

**DATA POINT**

**Jasmin Nihalani & Vignesh Radhakrishnan**

Earlier this week, Mother Dairy hiked the price of full cream milk by ₹1. This means a litre of milk will now cost ₹64. This was the fourth hike in price this year by the leading milk supplier in New Delhi.

A month ago, the Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation, which sells milk under the brand Amul, raised the price of full cream milk by ₹2. On November 3, Aavin, the brand owned by the Tamil Nadu Co-operative Milk Producers' Federation, also raised the price of full cream milk by ₹12 a litre, which makes the price of one litre ₹60.

Inflation of milk and milk products has continued to go up even though India's overall retail inflation came down in October. Milk inflation accelerated to 7.7% in October, the highest level seen in 7.5 years. Inflation of ice cream accelerated to 10.5% in October – the highest level in at least eight years. Curd inflation was at 7.6%. And baby food inflation at 8.8% was again the highest in at least eight years. **Chart 1** shows the inflation levels of milk, milk products and general retail inflation since 2015.

In November, the average price of a litre of milk in India was close to ₹55. In November 2017, it was ₹42 – about ₹13 cheaper. The rise in the price of milk was not uniform across all cities. **Chart 2** shows the average price of a litre of milk in select Indian cities in November 2022 and the five past Novembers.

The chart shows a distinct pattern: the average prices increased mostly in the northern, western and north-eastern cities of India. While there were mild increases in milk prices in eastern cities, the average prices did not rise much in the southern cities of Chennai, Bengaluru and Ernakulam. Hyderabad was an exception in the south as it showed a sharp rise in average milk prices.

The average price of milk in November 2022 was lowest in Chennai at ₹40 per litre. In Ahmedabad, the price was ₹58 per litre and in Lucknow, it was ₹62 per litre. In many north-eastern cities such as Guwahathi and Agartala, it crossed the ₹65 per litre-mark.

While comparatively, milk prices have not increased much in the south, this trend may not hold too for long. While Aavin increased the price in early November, the Karnataka Milk Federation also planned a hike a few days ago, but did not implement it.

The rise in milk prices will hit the poorest the most. **Chart 3** shows the average monthly per capita expenditure of urban households on milk and milk products in 2017-18. The data are presented for all the fractile classes: from the lowest spending to the highest. An average urban household spends ₹284 on milk per month. The households in the lowest spending fractile (the poorest 5% households) spend only ₹86 on milk and milk products in a month, whereas the highest spending fractile (the richest 5%) spends ₹598 – a gap of over ₹500. Thus, the price rise will have a greater impact on poorer households, which already have a high share of those who have not been drinking milk.

Only 52%-62% members in the poorest 20% households consumed milk or curd, whereas 86%-91% did so in the richest 20% of households. **Table 4** shows the percentage of men and women who consumed milk in 2019-21 across various wealth quintiles. Also, there is a noticeable gap in milk consumption between men and women, especially in poorer households. So, the price rise will disproportionately impact women in poorer households more as they will be the first to give up drinking milk to compensate for the price hike, widening the inequality further.

## Milk prices on the boil

The inflation data in Chart 1 are sourced from MoSPI. The data in Chart 2 are from the Ministry of Consumer Affairs. Chart 3 and Table 4 are sourced from the NSSO Household Consumer Expenditure survey 2017-18 and NFHS-5, respectively

**Chart 1:** The chart shows overall retail inflation in milk and milk products

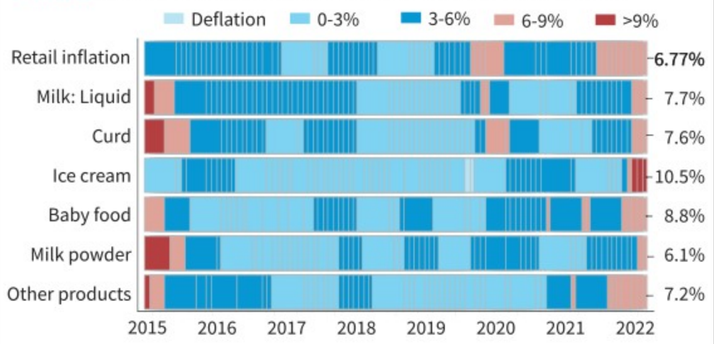



**Chart 2:** The average price of a litre of milk in select Indian cities in Novembers

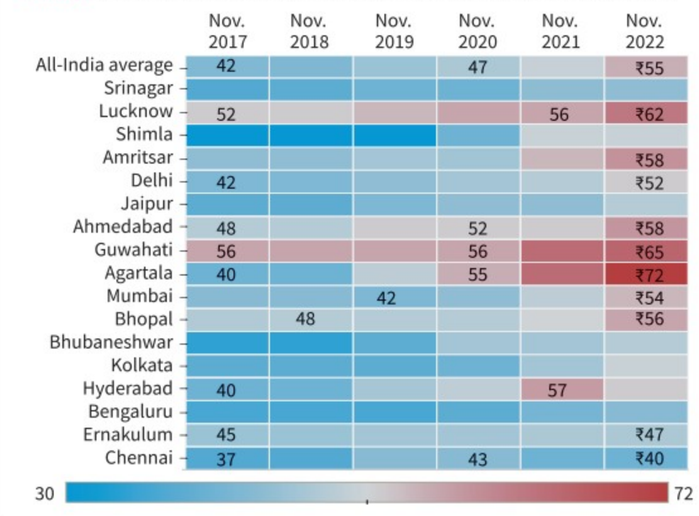



**Chart 3:** The average monthly per capita expenditure across fractiles of urban households on milk or milk products (2017-18)

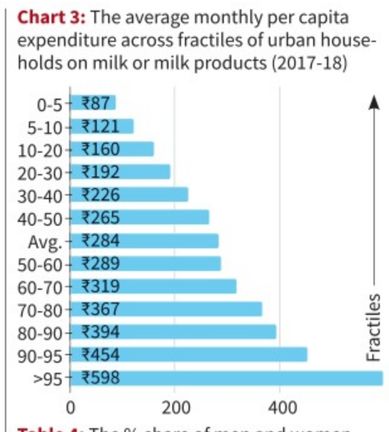



**Table 4:** The % share of men and women who consumed milk or curd in 2019-21 across various wealth quintiles

| Gender | Consume milk/ curd daily | At least once a week |
|---|---|---|
| All women | 48.8% | 72.3% |
| All men | 48.8% | 79.8% |

| Wealth quintile | Women | Men |
|---|---|---|
| Lowest 20% | 52.6% | 61.9% |
| Second | 65.9% | 73.4% |
| Middle | 74.5% | 81.7% |
| Fourth | 80.1% | 86.8% |
| Highest 20% | 86.2% | 91.4% |

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**FROM THE ARCHIVES**

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**FIFTY YEARS AGO** NOVEMBER 24, 1972

## Billy Graham to meet PM on Monday

New Delhi, Nov. 23: The noted American evangelist, Dr. Billy Graham, to-night expressed the hope that his visit to this country would help improve relations between India and the United States. Dr. Graham, who was talking to newsmen at the airport here on his arrival from Kohima, was asked if he was carrying any message from President Nixon for Mrs. Indira Gandhi. "I am sorry, I can't answer that," he replied. Dr. Graham, a close friend of Mr. Nixon, is scheduled to meet Mrs. Gandhi on Monday. Dr. Graham said the Indian Government had gone out of the way in granting him permission to visit Nagaland. "I am grateful for this," he added. During his stay in the capital, he will also call on the President, Mr. V.V. Giri. Earlier, talking to newsmen at Calcutta airport, Dr. Graham said he had talks with Mr. Nixon twice before he left for India. "I love India and I want that the United States and India become very close friends. This is necessary because we need each other for our mutual interests," he said.

**A HUNDRED YEARS AGO** NOVEMBER 24, 1922

## Fyaz Tyabjee's position

We publish elsewhere the text of the letter which Mr. Fyaz Badruddin Tyabjee, President of the Congress Malabar Enquiry Committee, has felt himself constrained to write to the Press. Mr. Tyabjee makes it clear that neither he nor his colleagues have any axe of their own to grind. He says he is not even a Congressman and that his object in agreeing to accept the office is only to find out the truth. It is perhaps futile to expect the few Malabar Die-hards who have learnt to take their cue from a certain quarter to listen to reason and re-sile from the absurd position they have taken up. Those, however, who are able to place truth before prejudice can have nothing to lose and everything to gain by forwarding the cause of and participating in a searching and absolutely disinterested enquiry such as that which Mr. Tyabjee has undertaken. Hindu-Muslim understanding only stands to gain by a frank statement of the case of all shades of opinion among both the parties and we should be sorry if, owing to the factions and fictitious cry raised by the enemies of national unity, any section of the Malabar public keeps out of the enquiry.

## From Page One

## 'Election Commissioner shouldn't be yes-man'

The court repeatedly asked the government how it had appointed Mr. Goel as Election Commissioner when an application questioning the prolonged vacancy was already pending before the Constitution Bench.

Advocate Prashant Bhushan, for the petitioner, said Mr. Goel took voluntary retirement that day and was appointed Election Commissioner on Saturday and took charge on Monday. The appointment immediately followed the Constitution Bench hearing on Thursday on the need for a "neutral and independent mechanism" for appointment of ECs.

"How did you make this appointment two days back? Show us the mechanism you followed," Justice Ajay Rastogi asked the government.

Justice Joseph clarified that the court was not sitting in judgment of the appointment. "We just want to see how you got it done," the judge said.

## Scottish parliament cannot hold poll: court

Ms. Sturgeon had intended to hold a second referendum on October 19, 2023. At her request, Scotland's top legal officer, Lord Advocate Dorothy Bain, had referred the question on whether the Scottish parliament had the power to conduct such a referendum to the Supreme Court.

Announcing the Supreme Court's decision, its president Lord Robert Reed said that the matter was "reserved" for Westminster under the devolution settlement, that is, the laws that established a separate Scottish parliament in 1999. He also said the judgment was arrived at sooner than expected because the Court was unanimous in its conclusions and the process was prioritised.

Speaking with a 'Stronger for Scotland' banner behind her, shortly after the verdict, Ms. Sturgeon said she was "deeply disappointed" by the decision, adding that it would be the SNP's core campaign issue in the next U.K. general election.

"And, as is becoming clearer by the day, achieving independence is not now just desirable, it is essential if Scotland is to escape the disaster of Brexit, the damage of policies imposed by governments we do not vote for," she said. Some 62% of Scots had voted to remain in the European Union in the 2016 Brexit referendum, compared to 48% of the U.K. as a whole.

Ms. Sturgeon said the ruling "shatters" the understanding that the Scotland Act 1998 protected the idea that the U.K. was a voluntary union of nations. "So this ruling confirms that the notion of the U.K. as a voluntary partnership of nations, if it ever was a reality, is no longer a reality," she said, as she expressed her willingness to reach an agreement with the U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak on an "adjustment" to the devolution settlement that enables a referendum to take place.

The leader of Scottish Labour, Anas Sarwar, said in a statement that there was no majority for independence or for a referendum, but also not for the status quo.

During Prime Minister's Questions in the British parliament, Mr. Sunak was asked by SNP leader Ian Blackford if he could confirm that the notion of the U.K as a voluntary union of nations was now "dead and buried". Mr. Sunak said he looked forward to working with Scotland on challenges everyone was facing and that the Scottish government was one of the most "powerful devolved assemblies" globally. No. 10 Downing Street also did not agree that the next general election would be a *de facto* referendum on Scottish independence.

## Home Ministry takes up Kuki-Chin refugee issue

A senior government official said the group, including 25 infants and 60 women, approached a Border Security Force (BSF) patrol base on the Bangladesh-Mizoram border in the early hours of November 20 and were allowed to cross over. "They were allowed to enter India on humanitarian grounds," the official said.

The Christian community from Bangladesh's Chittagong Hill Tracts shares close ethnic ties with people in Mizoram.

## Assam govt. opts for CBI probe into firing

Earlier, Mr. Sarma said the Assam police and forest personnel could have fired fewer shots during the confrontation with villagers from Meghalaya on Tuesday. "I believe the Assam police did not have to fire that many shots. I felt it was a little unprovoked," he told journalists in Delhi.

Five villagers from Meghalaya and a forest guard from Assam were killed in the firing that Mr. Sarma and his Meghalaya counterpart Conrad K. Sangma termed unprovoked. The incident took place in a disputed sector that Assam calls Mukhrow in West Karbi Anglong district while Meghalaya refers to as Mukroh in West Jaiñtia Hills district. "The villagers were angry when our forest guards intercepted a timber-laden vehicle and took three persons into custody. When the Assam police went to bring the vehicle, the villagers confronted the personnel," Mr. Sarma said.

*(With PTI inputs)*

# Trade talks with India not conditional on illegal migration: U.K.

This contradicts Home Secretary Suella Braverman's comments about the Migration and Mobility Partnership signed by Modi and Johnson

**Sriram Lakshman**
LONDON

Finalising a trade deal with India is not contingent on New Delhi taking back Indians who are in the U.K. illegally, the British government said on Wednesday.

"On the separate issue of migration and returns, we've made huge progress on that issue, particularly after the agreement made between Prime Minister [Narendra] Modi and [U.K.] Prime Minister [Boris] Johnson in May last year, and cooperation on that continues as well. But they're distinct issues," a spokesperson for U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak told the foreign press at a Wednesday afternoon briefing.

The spokesperson was responding to a question on whether the U.K. government was making a trade deal with India conditional on India taking back "significant" numbers of illegal migrants. Their comments contradict what Home Secretary Suella Braverman had said about the Migration and Mobility Partnership, i.e., the protocol signed by Mr. Modi and Mr. Johnson in May 2021, in October to *Spectator,* when she was in the same role in the Liz Truss administration.

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> **SPOKESPERSON FOR RISHI SUNAK**

**No change in strategy**

Ms. Braverman had said the protocol had not worked very well and that she had some reservations on aspects of the U.K.-India 'Free Trade Agreement' (FTA) , i.e., on the question of visa flexibility for students and entrepreneurs, because Indians were the largest group of visa overstayers in the U.K.

Ms. Braverman's remarks had contributed to the talks failing to conclude by a Deepavali deadline. The Indian High Commission in London had reacted by saying it had acted on all cases of overstaying referred to it by the U.K.'s Home Office.

Days later, Ms. Braverman had walked back some of her comments by saying that the U.K. and India were "eager" to secure a deal. Mr. Modi and U.K. Prime Minister Rishi Sunak have also expressed their commitment to concluding a deal, after Mr. Sunak assumed office at the end of October.

There was no change in the U.K. government's negotiating strategy after Mr. Sunak took charge, his spokesperson said on Wednesday, in the context of both the U.K.-India trade talks and Britain's negotiations to accede to the CPTPP (Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership).

## 'Meghalaya clash not tied to inter-State dispute'

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

A day after five people of a village in Meghalaya and an Assam forest guard were killed in firing on the Assam-Meghalaya boundary, a Union Home Ministry official said on Wednesday that the incident was not related to the boundary dispute between the two States.

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma had said in a tweet on Tuesday that Assam police personnel and forest guards had entered Meghalaya and resorted to unprovoked firing.The boundary issue between the two States has lingered for more than five decades. In March, they resolved the dispute at six of the total 12 such locations along the 884.9-km boundary. Presiding over an event where the two Chief Ministers signed an agreement on the boundary issue, Home Minister Amit Shah had recalled his remarks in 2019 that the "Assam government should take the lead in solving boundary disputes with other States and other States should also come forward."

Meghalaya, carved out of Assam in 1970, became a full-fledged State in 1972.

# Buddhist sect finds 'reincarnation' of famous Rinpoche

**Kallol Bhattacherjee**
NEW DELHI

The boy from Spiti, identified as the reincarnation.

In a significant development in the Tibetan Buddhist circles, the Nyingma sect has identified a boy from Spiti in Himachal Pradesh as the reincarnation of the late Taklung Setrung Rinpoche, a scholar known for his knowledge of Tibetan Tantric school.

Sources from Spiti said the boy of Tibetan origin would be formally inducted into the religious life on November 28.

"The Nyingma sect is the oldest of all Buddhist sects, and Taklung Setrung Rinpoche was a profound scholar renowned for his expertise in Tibetan Tantric school. In some issues, he was even consulted by the Dalai Lama," P. Stobdan, a strategic affairs commentator from Ladakh, said.

He said the "discovery" coming from Spiti with its cultural connection with Tibet was indicative of the contest over iconic Buddhist figures in the Himalayan ranges. Usually, the process took a long period and would even involve contests, but in this case, the reincarnation was identified without any controversy, he added.

The Rinpoche used to live in the Takthok monastery of Ladakh, one of the oldest monasteries related to the Nyingma sect. The followers of the sect are spread across Tibet, Bhutan, Ladakh, Sikkim and other Himalayan pockets.

The "reincarnation" of a prominent Rinpoche is important in the contest for supremacy over Buddhist affairs. The monks of various schools of Tibetan Buddhism in many of the ancient monasteries in the Himalayas command a wide following in Tibet, India and other parts of the world. In view of their regional and global influence, there is a nascent race to gain control over the monasteries and the process of reincarnation post the physical demise of a revered monk.

## J&K court summons 3 advocates for misconduct

**The Hindu Bureau**
SRINAGAR

Three senior advocates of the Kashmir Valley, who held official positions in the Kashmir High Court Bar Association (KHCBA) in the past, have been asked to present themselves before the Disciplinary Committee of the Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh High Court.

The three advocates – Mian Abdul Qayoom, Ghulam Nabi Thoker alias Shaheen and Nazir Ahmad Ronga – have held official positions of the KHCBA in the past. The summons followed a complaint suggesting that the three advocates have "committed professional and other misconduct under the Advocates Act, 1961".

# 'South China Sea Code of Conduct should align with international law'

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

India hopes that the ongoing negotiations on the Code of Conduct for the South China Sea will be fully consistent with international law, in particular, United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), and should not prejudice the legitimate rights and interests of nations that are not party to these discussions, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Wednesday.

"We are concerned about complicating actions that have eroded trust and confidence, and undermined peace and stability in the region...We believe that regional security initiatives must be consultative and development-oriented, to reflect the larger consensus," Mr. Singh said addressing the ASEAN (Association of South East Asian Nations) Defence Ministers Plus meeting in Cambodia.

**Looking ahead:** Rajnath Singh during the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus, in Siem Reap, Cambodia on Wednesday. PTI

India calls for a free, open and inclusive order in the Indo-Pacific, based upon respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations, peaceful resolution of disputes through dialogue and adherence to international rules and laws, Mr. Singh said. Stating that the gravest threat requiring urgent and resolute intervention by international community is transnational and cross-border terrorism, Mr. Singh said 'indifference' can no longer be a response, as terrorism has found victims globally.

**Increased strife**

"Terrorist groups have created inter-linkages across continents backed by new-age technologies to transfer money and recruit supporters. The transformation of cyber-crimes into organised cyber-attacks point to the increasing use of new technologies, by both, State and non-State actors," he said.

We are meeting at a time when the world is seeing increasing strife amplified by disruptive politics, Mr. Singh said, adding that a peaceful Indo-Pacific, with ASEAN at its centre, it becomes vital more than ever for the security and prosperity of the world.

## HC directs CBI probe in recruitment scam case

**The Hindu Bureau**
KOLKATA

The Calcutta High Court on Wednesday directed the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to establish the identity of a person who filed an application before the court for 'saving illegally appointed persons'. In September this year, applications were made stating that supernumerary posts be created to accommodate those whose appointments were subsequently found to be invalid in order to ensure that there was no loss of jobs.

Describing the illegal appointments as "organised crime", Justice Gangopadhyay said a large number of genuine candidates were still unemployed.

## BJP MP declared as absconder by special court

**The Hindu Bureau**
LUCKNOW

BJP Lok Sabha MP from Shahjahanpur Arun Kumar Sagar has been declared as an absconder by a special MP/MLA court in the district for not appearing before it in a matter registered during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls for allegedly violating the Model Code of Conduct and confiscation of election campaign material.

The court has also ordered that a copy of the order to be pasted at Mr. Sagar's residence and at public places.

The matter dates back to March 12, 2019, when Shahjahanpur Sadar Sub-Divisional Magistrate seized campaign material related to Mr. Sagar during the parliamentary polls from the Bareilly-Jalalabad road.

# More risk to rules-based order from non-traditional threats, says Navy Chief

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

While the possibility of conventional inter-state conflict cannot be ruled out, there is an increased risk to the rules-based order, which is emanating from disputes of jurisdiction, undermining of United National Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS), piracy and armed robbery, illegal human migration, drugs and arms trafficking, and Illegal Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, Navy chief Admiral R. Hari Kumar said on Wednesday.

He was speaking about the security environment in general, and maritime security in particular, at the three-day Indo-Pacific regional dialogue being organised by the Navy and the National Maritime Foundation (NMF). Maritime terrorism and proliferation of advanced technologies have the security matrix complicated, Admiral Kumar said. "Inevitably, given its increased centrality in global affairs, the region has witnessed increased presence of maritime security forces from a multitude of nations – regional and extra-regional. It is amply clear that a prosperous Indo-Pacific hinges on a peaceful maritime domain," he said.

Admiral R. Hari Kumar

"We want a democratic Indo-Pacific free from coercion," said Pankaj Saran, Member, National Security Advisory Board and former Deputy National Security Adviser, while reiterating that the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) remained the central pillar of India's Act East and Indo-Pacific policy. This is not a strategic construct or geography directed against anyone, he added.

Delivering the keynote address, Minister of State for Defence Ajay Bhatt said India was well prepared to address threats in the current and emerging maritime domain.

He emphasised the need to build other aspects of India's maritime capability, in addition to bolstering military capabilities.

# Jammu TADA court issues fresh warrant against Yasin Malik

**The Hindu Bureau**
JAMMU

**Malik has sought permission to be allowed to be physically present to cross-examine the witnesses**

The Terrorist and Disruptive Activities Act (TADA) court in Jammu on Wednesday issued a fresh production warrant against JKLF chief Yasin Malik, as he again refused to cross-examine the witnesses virtually in a case related to the killing of four Indian Air Force (IAF) officials in Srinagar in 1990.

Meanwhile, the court has decided to hear the case again on December 22 this year.

"The court issued a fresh production warrant [against Malik]. However, the CBI has already challenged the earlier [such] order before the Supreme Court (SC) because there are Ministry of Home Affairs directions and certain basis on which he [Malik] cannot be produced here," said CBI lawyer Monika Kohli.

Officials said Mr. Malik, who was produced before the court through a virtual mode, refused to cross-examine the witnesses in the case.

Mr. Malik has refused to hire any lawyer and moved an application on the right to cross examination before the court.

He has sought permission to be allowed to be physically present before the special court in Jammu to cross examine the witnesses in the IAF case.

# With two Opposition firebrands of 2017 now in BJP, Gujarat contest loses its spark

Former Congress members Hardik Patel and Alpesh Thakor, known for their fiery speeches and sharp comments, have jumped ship; the Patidar leader describes the BJP as his home while the latter cites the infighting in the State unit of the Congress as the reason for his departure

**Nistula Hebbar**
**Mahesh Langa**
AHMEDABAD/VIRAMGAM

A week is a long time in politics, and five years can be a millennia, if one goes by the trajectory of at least two of the three main players of the Opposition line-up in Gujarat in the 2017 polls – Hardik Patel and Alpesh Thakor. Jignesh Mevani, however, is holding on to the Opposition plank this time around, too.

Hardik Patel, who shot to fame as the leader of the Patidar Anamat Andolan Samiti (PAAS), the agitating group demanding reservations for Patidars or the Patel community, often using colourful language, is now solidly with the BJP, after a stint in the Congress. Mr. Patel is the saffron party's candidate in the Viramgam constituency, near Ahmedabad. Alpesh Thakor, who was also with the Congress in 2017 and was part of the triumvirate of the Opposition that reduced the BJP to just 99 seats in the election held that year, has also moved to the BJP and is the party's candidate from the Gandhinagar South Assembly constituency.

What actually inspired this 180-degree turn in these Opposition mascots? Was it the familiar story of the BJP's creeping acquisition of political talent through aggressive recruitment, or a genuine leap of ideological change?

**Crossing over:** Hardik Patel, right, and Alpesh Thakor were at the forefront of the Opposition campaign in Gujarat in 2017. PTI

### 'Forever BJP'

Mr. Patel objects to his joining the BJP being characterised as a "180-degree turn". "This is my home. Joining Congress was the 180-degree turn. My father was one of the founding members of the BJP in this district. In fact, I call [Uttar Pradesh governor] Anandiben Patel *bua* (paternal aunt) and my father used to help her campaign here," he told *The Hindu*. "I opposed the BJP-led government because of the agitation and our demands. Now, with the implementation of reservation for the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), a direct result of the PAAS's agitation, I have nothing against the BJP," he says.

Asked whether his joining the BJP was due to the large number of legal cases against him from the time of the PAAS-led agitation, he responded that the cases were still being dealt with, and, "I need to look at my future political career, too."

"There is no alternative to the BJP in Gujarat, as explained by the fact that Rahul Gandhi is doing a *padayatra* in South India, while polls are under way in Gujarat," Mr. Patel said.

Mr. Thakor, unlike Mr. Patel, comes from a traditionally Congress-leaning family and his community, the Thakors of north Gujarat, have been the bedrock of Congress support in the State and remain so. His move from the Congress to the BJP has been no less dramatic, as his oratory and sharp comments led to the sound defeat of the BJP in north Gujarat in the 2017 polls.

Right off the bat, Mr. Thakor says that while he harbours no bitterness against the national leadership of the Congress, infighting in the State unit of the party is what forced him out. "Gujarat Congress does not want new leadership to come forward, and the biggest problem is that none of them know what Congress ideology is or what the party stands for. Whereas the BJP is ideological, which makes their *karyakarta* (personnel) fight polls with aggression," he said. Mr. Thakor lauds Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for "being in touch with the smallest *karyakarta*".

He refuses to feel guilty for having left the Congress. "When people like Ghulam Nabi Azad and other seniors to whom the party gave everything have left, why should I feel guilty? The Congress is clearly held together by the glue of power," Mr. Thakor said.

The crossing over of these faces of the 2017 polls to the other side has made the 2022 contest that much duller. "That is only a problem for you journalists, not for me," responds Mr. Patel, claiming the last word on the issue.

# Nepotism and vote bank politics by Congress have ruined country, says Modi

**Mahesh Langa**
AHMEDABAD

**The PM resumed electioneering in Gujarat where he held four rallies on Wednesday**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday equated the Congress with "casteism, nepotism and vote bank politics", holding the party responsible for "ruining" the country and the State.

The Prime Minister resumed his electioneering in his home State Gujarat where he held four rallies on Wednesday, spearheading the ruling party's campaign in the State where the BJP is seeking a rare 7th consecutive mandate.

Besides Mehsana, he also held rallies in Vadodara, Bhavnagar and tribal district Dahod.

Since the announcement of the Assembly elections, the Prime Minister has held as many as 14 rallies and two road shows, across the State.

"The Congress leaders always wanted to keep people poor so they remain dependent on the government," he said.

Interestingly, the Congress has emerged as the main target of the Prime Minister's campaign in Gujarat where the election is being held triangular with the entry of the Aam Aadmi Party, which now does not appear as a powerful force it looked a few weeks ago.

"Droughts were also common in those days. Only after the BJP came to power; it has put Gujarat on the path of prosperity amid natural calamities and using limited resources," the Prime Minister said.

# Kharge to preside over Cong. steering committee meeting

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge will chair the first meeting of the party's Steering Committee on December 4 to discuss the strategy for the upcoming Winter Session of Parliament and finalise the dates for its Plenary Session, sources said on Wednesday.

After taking over as the Congress president, Mr. Kharge had reconstituted the Congress Working Committee (CWC) as the party's Steering Committee, in keeping with the party's constitution.

The Winter Session of Parliament will begin on December 7 and conclude on December 29.

The party will also have to take a call on finding a replacement for Mr. Kharge as the Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha. Senior leader and former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Digvijaya Singh's name has been doing the rounds as the likely choice.

However, Mr. Singh is currently involved in the ongoing Bharat Jodo Yatra and is likely to miss the session. Hence, it is being speculated that Mr. Kharge could continue as the leader for the Winter Session.

## INBRIEF

### Aaditya Thackeray meets Nitish Kumar, Tejashwi Yadav

Shiv Sena leader Aaditya Thackeray met with Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his deputy, Tejashwi Yadav, in Patna on Wednesday. Mr. Thackeray, a Minister in the previous Maha Vikas Agadhi government led by his father Uddhav Thackeray in Maharashtra, first met Mr. Yadav, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader, at the residence of the latter's mother. The meeting was seen as a step towards 'Opposition unity' against the BJP ahead of the Lok Sabha election in 2024. However, speaking to reporters after their meeting, Mr. Thackeray said that they discussed various topics except politics.

### Mamata urges people to update names on voter list

Observing that the Centre has fresh plans for the National Register of Citizens (NRC), West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Wednesday told people to ensure they register their names on the voter list. At an event organised by the State government, Ms. Banerjee said that an exercise to update the voter list is going on, and will carry on till December 5. "Make sure that your name is there on the voter list. In the garb of the NRC, make sure the Central government doesn't strike your name off the list. Go to the voting centre, and check your names," she said.

### Maharashtra Governor wants to be relieved: Ajit Pawar

Nationalist Congress Party leader Ajit Pawar on Wednesday said Maharashtra Governor Bhagat Singh Koshyari was deliberately making controversial statements so that the Centre would shift him out of the State. "He (Mr.Koshyari) told me he wanted to be relieved," he claimed. Recently, Mr. Koshyari had called Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj an "icon of olden times", and said there were icons such as Dr. Ambedkar and Nitin Gadkari in modern times. "Whenever I visited him, he always told me that he wanted to leave Maharashtra," Mr. Pawar added.


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|---|---|---|---|
| G-66/22-23 | Procurement of Automotive Batteries | 9.00 | 22/12/2022 |
| G-67/22-23 | Procurement of Jumbo Thermal Roll for ETM Machines | 3.50 | 07/12/2022 |
| G-68/22-23 | Procurement of Aluminium Readymade Window Frame Assembly with Glasses | 1.40 | 07/12/2022 |
| G-69/22-23 | Procurement of Balata Packing | 0.30 | 10/12/2022 |
| G-70/22-23 | Procurement of MS Angles and MS Flats | 3.00 | 22/12/2022 |
| G-71/22-23 | Procurement of Rubber Glazing with insert (EPDM Rubber) | 2.60 | 22/12/2022 |
| A-22/22-23 | Procurement of Gaskets | 8.00 | 22/12/2022 |
| A-23/22-23 | Procurement of Rubber Parts | 4.50 | 22/12/2022 |
| A-24/22-23 | Procurement of Air Suspension Parts | 9.50 | 22/12/2022 |
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| G-62/22-23 | Engaging an agency for providing Driver Services to Mangalore Division (MNG Depot 1,2,3, Udupi and Kundapura Depots) | 6.00 | 30/11/2022 |
| G-63/22-23 | Engaging an agency for providing Driver Services to Puttur Division (Dharmasthala, BC Road, Sulya & Puttur Depots) | 4.00 | 30/11/2022 |
| G-64/22-23 | Engaging an agency for providing Driver Services to Ramanagar Division (Ramanagar, Channapatna, Magadi, Kanakapura, Harohalli & Anekal Depots) | 2.00 | 30/11/2022 |
| G-65/22-23 | Engaging an agency for providing Driver Services to Chamarajanagar Division (Kollegala, Gundlapet, Nanjanagudu Depots) | 2.00 | 30/11/2022 |
| A-20/22-23 | Procurement of Hubs and Brake Drums | 8.00 | 07/12/2022 |
| A-21/22-23 | Procurement of Malleable Components | 5.50 | 07/12/2022 |
| | **Addendum / Corrigendum** | | |
| G-52/22-23, G-53/22-23, G-38/22-23 & G-39/22-23 (Notification no: 6, dt:30/09/2022) and A-06/22-23 & A-07/22-23 (Notification no: 4 dt: 29/07/2022) has been cancelled due to Technical reasons. | | | |

Further any addendum / corrigendum in respect of change in calendar of events, specification, scope, other tender terms and conditions etc, will be uploaded / published through e-portal only. **NOTE:-** Interested suppliers need to register in the e-procurement portal. For further information log into **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**. In case of further assistance, contact e-procurement cell **(Phone No.: 080–22230960, 080–22234115).** Interested suppliers may also contact e-procurement cell for training on bid submission. Mail to **eprocurementhelpdesk@gmail.com** for further information if required. In case of bidders need assistance form KSRTC, can communicate at **cosp@ksrtc.org** (Contact: **7760990225, 7760990224**)

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DIPR/CP/LC/3208/2022-23

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**Tender closing and opening date and time**: 02-Dec-22 14:30 Hrs.

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HAL, Facilities Management Division announces e-Auction of land measuring 2.925 acres at Oaklipuram near the Bangalore City Railway Station. For more details regarding the property and the process of participation in the bidding, please visit HAL website **www.hal-india.co.in** Home Page-Auction.

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**Complexion:** Fair
**Body Shape:** Normal

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| 222323 003113 | Procurement of Diesel Forklift Truck - 5 Tons Dual Drive, Clear View Container Mast with Paper Roll Clamp for TNPL Unit - II | 08.12.2022 |
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**E-Tender Notification**

The Commissioner for Collegiate and Technical Education, Bangalore hereby invites bids in Two-Cover system through e-Procurement portal from eligible bidders for the following Tender. The Tender Documents with detailed terms and conditions may be obtained from the website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.**

**Tender Schedules are as below**

| Sl. No. | Tender Name & Number | Date of Floating Tender on e- Procurement Portal | Date and Time of pre-bid meeting | Last date and Time for bidding through eprocurement portal |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1. | **Tender No: DCE/2022-23/IND1124/Call-3** "Supply, Installation, Commissioning and Maintenance of Components for 6500 ICT Enabled Classrooms for the Department of Collegiate and Technical Education" | 23.11.2022 | 25.11.2022 11.00 AM | 07.12.2022 5.30 PM |

**Sd/-**
**Joint Director of Collegiate Education, Bangalore, Karnataka**

DIPR/CP/3217/Zen/2022-23

## INBRIEF

### Ananda Bose sworn in as West Bengal Governor

C.V. Ananda Bose was on Wednesday sworn in as the Governor of West Bengal. He was administered the oath by Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court Prakash Shrivastava at the Raj Bhavan in Kolkata. Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, members of the State Cabinet, former Governor Gopalkrishna Gandhi and Left Front chairperson Biman Bose were among the dignitaries present at the swearing-in ceremony. Leader of the Opposition Suvendu Adhikari was not present. Mr. Bose has taken over responsibilities from Manipur Governor La. Ganesan, who assumed charge of the State on July 18 when Jagdeep Dhankhar was elected Vice-President of India.

### India test fires Agni-3 nuclear capable ballistic missile

India on Wednesday carried out the successful launch of the Agni-3 intermediate-range ballistic missile from A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Island in Odisha. "The successful test was part of routine user training launches carried out under the aegis of the Strategic Forces Command," a Defence Ministry statement said. "The launch was carried out for a predetermined range and validated all operational parameters." The Agni series of missiles constitute the backbone of India's nuclear weapons delivery. India has also completed its nuclear triad and operationalised its second strike capability, with nuclear ballistic missile submarine *INS Arihant*.

### All missing girls in Deogarh district saved: Odisha police

The Odisha Police said that all minor missing girls from Deogarh district were rescued while only a minor boy is left to be found. The police have rescued 19 missing girls within the past three months from Odisha and from outside the State with concerted efforts by different departments and support from the public. "A lot of research and hard work has gone into tracking missing persons during the past three months. Phone numbers and possible locations were collected diligently and widely circulated in order to track missing persons," said Pramod Kumar Rath, Superintendent of Police, Deogarh.

### No negotiation over Naga national flag: NSCN(I-M)

The National Socialist Council of Nagalim, also called the NSCN(I-M), has ruled out any negotiation over the Naga national flag. The extremist group has been insisting that there can be no solution to the "Indo-Naga" peace process without the Naga flag and Yehzabo (Naga constitution). The Naga flag is all about the "God-given history" and identity of the Naga people, the outfit said in the November issue of *Nagalim Voice*. "The principle of 'one people one nation' as symbolised by the Naga flag is being targeted desperately," the NSCN (I-M) said in an attack on the Centre for the stalemate over the issues of a separate Naga flag and Constitution.

# Sufficient stocks of wheat and rice available: Centre

Food Secretary says curbs on exports have helped to bring down the prices of wheat and flour; more stocks of the grain available for domestic consumption and public distribution system

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

Regulation of wheat and *atta* exports has helped control their prices, the Union Food and Public Distribution Ministry said here on Wednesday. Food and Public Distribution Secretary Sanjeev Chopra told presspersons that the increase in the prices came down from 15% to 5% after the regulation.

Mr. Chopra said the Centre decided to stop open market sales when wheat prices were going up. "Now, more stock is available for domestic consumption and public distribution system. As a result, the prices, compared to the prices in May 2022, have came down about 7%. If MSP [minimum support price] is factored in, the increase will be about 5%," he said adding that an inter-ministerial committee met on a weekly basis to monitor the situation.

**Domestic need:** The government has procured around 277.37 lakh tonnes so far under the kharif marketing season. FILE PHOTO

Asked if the Centre would lift the ban on export, he said the primary concern of the government was food security of the country. Adequate stocks were available due to the measures taken by the Centre. "This is not a steep rise," he said.

Mr. Chopra said that even after meeting additional allocation for the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, the National Food Security Act and other welfare schemes, the country had sufficient stocks of wheat and rice under the central pool over and above the buffer norms. "As on November 15, a quantity of 201 lakh tonnes of wheat and 140 lakh tonnes of rice is available in the central pool," he said.

The Secretary added that procurement of paddy in the kharif marketing season (KMS) of 2022-23 had started and around 277.37 lakh tonnes (185.93 lakh tonnes of rice) had been procured up to November, 21, which was higher than the procurement during the same period last year. He said 18.51 lakh farmers had benefited as ₹54,559.85 crore had been paid to them directly into their accounts.

"It is expected that procurement of paddy in KMS 2022-23 across the country will remain normal. The rainfall this year has been fairly good in the country and the production of paddy is expected to remain normal," he said. The Centre was expecting to procure 775.73 lakh tonnes of paddy (521 lakh tonnes of rice) in this season.

On the reduction in wheat procurement during the last rabi season, he said it was due to an increase in market price and demand-supply mismatch on account of the geopolitical situation.

# Centre sends experts to 3 cities to contain measles infection

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Wednesday set up high-level teams to tackle the measles outbreak in Ranchi, Ahmedabad and Malappuram.

The three teams will assist the respective State Health Departments in instituting public health measures and facilitate operationalisation of requisite control and containment measures.

Senior Regional Directors of the Regional Offices of Health and Family Welfare of Jharkhand, Gujarat and Kerala will coordinate with the respective teams regarding their visits.

The Central team to Ranchi in Jharkhand comprises experts from the National Centre for Disease Control and Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in Delhi. The team to Ahmedabad in Gujarat has experts from the city's Regional Office of Health and Family Welfare, Port Health Organisation, Mumbai and Kalawati Saran Children's Hospital in Delhi. The team to Malappuram in Kerala will have experts from the Regional Health Office, Thiruvananthapuram; Jawaharlal Institute of Postgraduate Medical Education and Research (JIPMER), Puducherry; and Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi, the Union Health Ministry said.

All the teams will have three members each.

The teams will also undertake field visits to investigate the outbreak. They are also expected to coordinate with the States for ensuring active case search in the area and with Virus Research and Diagnostic Laboratories for testing of the identified cases. Measles vaccination falls under the Universal Immunisation Programme. India has a target of eliminating the viral disease by 2023. Mumbai had reported cases on measles and the Centre had already sent a team earlier. Eleven children have died of the highly infectious disease in Mumbai.

## Court asks Tihar Jail to give Jain food as per rules

**Press Trust of India**
NEW DELHI

A Delhi court on Wednesday directed Tihar Jail authorities to provide food to jailed Delhi Minister Satyendar Kumar Jain during his religious fast in accordance with the relevant rules. Special judge Vikas Dhull passed the order while directing the jail authorities to file their reply by Thursday containing details of food provided to Jain in the past six months.

The court was hearing a plea moved by Mr. Jain, alleging the jail administration had stopped giving him the food allowed "as per law" during his religious fast. A fresh row erupted on Wednesday after videos emerged of the jailed Minister purportedly eating uncooked vegetables and fruits in his Tihar jail cell. The videos surfaced after he moved court alleging he is not being provided raw food according to his religious beliefs. However, the purported videos are dated September 13 and October 1.

# Move to change 'cumbersome' procedure for inclusion on ST list is put on hold

**Abhinay Lakshman**
NEW DELHI

**The proposal to change the procedure was based on a task force recommendation**

The Union government has put on hold a proposal to change the procedure for adding new communities as Scheduled Tribes (STs) which has been in the pipeline for more than eight years. Instead, it will continue with the existing longer procedure, senior government officials said.

According to a government task force, the present procedure "defeats the Constitutional agenda for affirmative action and inclusion" and is "cumbersome" and "time-consuming". However, government officials, justifying the decision, told *The Hindu* that it was followed for decades and was scientific and most practical.

The proposal to change the procedure was based on the recommendations of the Task Force on Scheduling of Tribes constituted in February 2014, headed by the then Tribal Affairs Secretary, Hrusikesh Panda.

It noted that as many as 40 communities had been excluded from the ST list or were facing delays in inclusion due to the current procedure and criteria, and recommended their immediate inclusion.

The task force's report, with suggestions to change the procedure and the criteria for adding new communities as STs, has been with the government since May 2014.

In the Lok Sabha in March 2017, when asked if the proposal had been put on hold, the then Tribal Affairs Minister, Jual Oram, replied that the proposal had been sent to the States and Union Territories, and that only a few States were yet to respond. The government repeated this reply in the Rajya Sabha in December 2017.

Now, senior government officials told *The Hindu* that the proposal has been put on hold for the time being, meaning that the existing procedure would be followed in the meantime. "This is a norm which has been followed for decades and is quite scientific and most practical," an official said.

**Exclusionary procedure**

In its report, the Panda committee had explained that there were multiple obstacles unnecessarily preventing at least 40 communities from being listed as ST. For instance, several tribes pronounced or spelt their community's name in different ways; some communities were split when new States were created, leaving them as ST in one State and not in the other; and some tribespeople were forcibly taken as indentured labour to other States where they were left out of the ST list.

"The Panda committee had gone into some detail about whether there is spelling change, whether there is any phonetic variation, which of the tribes could be considered because they are slightly similar in sound and all that," Tribal Affairs Secretary Anil Kumar Jha said.

"Later, it was considered that we have to follow procedure. And it has to go to the RGI [Registrar-General of India]."

**Current procedure**

Under the current procedure, each proposal for the inclusion of a community as an ST has to originate from the relevant State government, and is sent to the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, which sends it to the office of the RGI.

Once approved by the office of the RGI, it is sent to the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes and only after its approval it is sent to the Cabinet.

The task force had said that when the modalities were being framed in 1996, the Ministry of Home Affairs had said that "the office of the RGI should merely be required to provide information available with it", as it not only lacked sufficient anthropologists and sociologists "but also because no build-up of the data bank on tribes/castes based on the ethnographic study/surveys has been possible for long, limiting its ability of to do justice to this task."

## Couple seeks dead son's frozen sperm for surrogacy

**The Hindu Bureau**
NEW DELHI

The Delhi High Court on Wednesday asked the Union government to respond to a petition by a couple seeking the release of the frozen sperm of their dead, unmarried son from the Ganga Ram Hospital for surrogacy.

Justice Yashwant Varma said he would like to have the Centre's views on the matter as it would have a "repercussion" on the laws on the subject.

The petitioners said their son, who died at the age of 30 of cancer, had frozen his semen sample in 2020. They wished to use the sperms for surrogacy to "continue their son's legacy".

Counsel for the couple said the Surrogacy Act and the Assisted Reproductive Technology (Regulation) Act were not in place at the time of his death.

Earlier this year, the hospital told the court that there was no law to release the semen samples to his parents or legal heirs.

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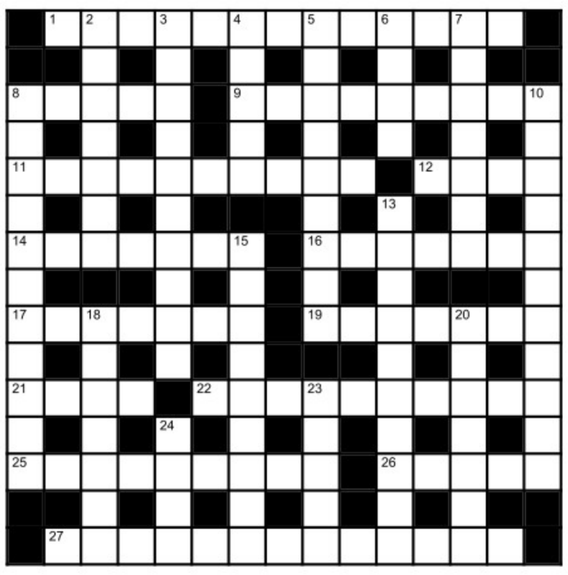

**Across**

**1** Where one might play footsie secretly (5,3,5)
**8** Cleric in church eating piece of cake (5)
**9** Worrying in bar about physical assault (7-2)
**11** Friend lives with single model inside small house (10)
**12** Stop wasting time and bowl over (4)
**14** Drunkard turned very very loud - put away (4,3)
**16** Greek character involved in abominable crime is a quack (7)
**17** More annoyed as rogue irritates, crossing limits (7)
**19** Holler about revolutionary physical training for athletic event (4,3)
**21** Frail guy eating round hybrid fruit (4)
**22** Notes girl cuddling gangster after drink (10)
**25** Welcome a boy into chamber and enjoy oneself enormously (4,1,4)
**26** Lie back, start to observe fine digital publication (1-4)
**27** Exaggerate with wild promises? Have to win election primarily (13)

**Down**

**2** Fools made noise, expressing obscenities at entrance outside bar (7)
**3** Elaborate on the rationale relating to study of cultures (10)
**4** Son avoids fast food (5)
**5** Accuracy of former player, sacrificing rook for knight (9)
**6** Chief is avoiding drinks in retreat? I very much doubt it! (2,2)
**7** The girl's exercising to get thinner (7)
**8** Achieve heavenly body, hot and rugged (4,7)
**10** Captain's reckless plan causing episode of intense anxiety (5,6)
**13** Motive in a leak about officials (10)
**15** Warning given by gun-wielding gangster (4,5)
**18** Brief report on oral exam coming up in Middle Eastern city (3,4)
**20** Revolting indiscretion involving immoral ones found in bedroom (7)
**23** Pull up champion in ravine (5)
**24** Couple split up over a little argument (4)

## SUDOKU

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**Solution to previous puzzle**

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**Solution to yesterday's Sudoku**

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## FAITH

### Virtues of Lord Muruga

The Vedas, which do not mention any God, refer to Subramanyom, Subramanyom, Sunbramanyom thrice. Also known as Murugan, He is mentioned in the Bhagavad Gita, when the Lord says I am Murugan among commander of armies. He is mentioned in various other scriptures. Adi Sankara once suffered from acute stomach ailment and none could cure him. He undertook a pilgrimage to the Murugan Temple in Tiruchendur, where he was offered vibhuti prasada in a 12-veined withania coagulans (panneer in Tamil) leaf. Adi Sankara thought it was an offering from the 12 hands of Murugan Himself and consumed the holy ash. He was cured instantaneously, said Thiruppugazh Mathivannan in a discourse.

Even in Sangam literature, one finds that Murugan is the presiding deity for mountain dwellers. Today, temples are dedicated to Him across the world, as foretold by Arunagirinadhar, who said, "*ulagengu mevia devalayam*". In today's fast-paced world, it is very difficult for devotees to embark on detailed study of various devotional literature and attain moksham. However, Arunagirinathar's Thiruppugazh serves all the needs of a spiritual seeker, much like a departmental store. It explains how Siva is the guru, but Murugan preaches to Him the full import of the primordial sound, Aum. Mururgan is the perfect as enunciated by Thiruvalluvar in Thirukkural, "The son owes a debt of duty to his father – to make the world admire by what penance the father got his bright son." The Kanda Puranam – extolling the virtues of Murugan – is replete with examples of how the spear-wielding God forgives and embraces his enemies.

KYIV

## Newborn baby killed after Russian strike on Ukraine maternity ward

Russian strikes killed a newborn baby at a Ukrainian maternity ward on Wednesday as President Volodymyr Zelensky accused Russia of "terror and murder". Ukrainian emergency services said Russian rockets smashed into a building overnight in Vilniansk in the latest attack to damage medical facilities. AFP

JERUSALEM

## Teen killed, 14 persons injured in twin Jerusalem bus stop bombings

Explosions hit two bus stops in Jerusalem on Wednesday, killing a teen and wounding 14, in unclaimed attacks cheered by Palestinian militant group Hamas. The first bombings to hit Jerusalem since 2016, according to security officials, targeted an area frequented by ultra-Orthodox Jews at the western exit from Jerusalem. REUTERS

ANKARA

## Turkey vows intent 'stronger than ever' to secure its Syrian border

Turkey said it was more determined than ever to secure its Syrian border from attacks by Kurdish forces, threatening a ground operation "at the most convenient time." "Our operations with planes, cannons and drones are only the beginning," President Recep Tayyip Erdogan told lawmakers in parliament. AFP

KABUL

## 400 new loudspeakers in Afghan capital in bid to encourage prayers

Around 400 loudspeakers have been installed in the Afghan capital to encourage worshippers to attend prayers, the Taliban's religious enforcers said on Wednesday. They also said that hundreds of empty shops and other disused buildings had been converted into mosques to give everyone the opportunity to pray communally. AFP

# Watching cheering fans, China's WC viewers question its COVID policy

Images from Qatar have painted a contrast to Chinese media propaganda that has hailed the govt.'s zero-COVID approach; it has continued to highlight COVID-19 deaths elsewhere in the world and chastised countries for living with the virus

Ananth Krishnan
BEIJING

Millions of Chinese viewers who this week tuned in to watch the football World Cup in Qatar were given, what was for many, a surprising glimpse of life in the rest of the world even as China continues to pursue a stringent COVID-19 policy. Watching vast crowds of fans from around the world gathered in Qatar – most not wearing the masks that are still mandated in China – many viewers in China, a football-mad country, have taken to social media to ponder why their country still remains isolated from the world.

"The reality is only China and North Korea today are cut off from the rest of the world," a Beijing-based businessman told *The Hindu*.

China on Wednesday reported more than 28,000 COVID-19 cases, amid a wave that has challenged the government's "zero-COVID" strategy.

**Muted celebrations:** A child pushes a bicycle past a giant replica football placed to promote the Qatar FIFA World Cup in Beijing. AP

While authorities earlier this month announced 20 measures aimed at a more targeted approach and to avoid sweeping lockdowns, many cities across the country are currently facing partial lockdowns. The capital Beijing on Wednesday reported more than 1,000 "high risk" zones, referring to buildings where there had been positive cases and that were subsequently placed under lockdown.

On Tuesday, "an open letter" criticising the COVID-19 policy went viral on social messaging app WeChat before it was deleted, *Agence France Presse* reported.

"Some people are watching World Cup matches in person with no masks, some have been locked at home for a month, locked on campus for two months without even being able to step out the door," the report quoted one commenter as saying. "Who has stolen my life? I won't say," wrote another. "The World Cup has allowed most Chinese people to see the real situation abroad, and worry about the economy of the motherland, and their own youth.

### Stringent approach

Authorities have said the stringent approach has saved hundreds of thousands of lives, with China reporting officially the fewest per capita COVID deaths of any country. Opening up will mean a wave of deaths among the elderly population with as many as one-third of Chinese above 60 yet to take a third booster dose. There hasn't, however, been any recent vaccination push with authorities instead still relying on lockdowns and mass testing.

For many young Chinese, the continuing restrictions have led to growing frustration. The youth unemployment rate reached 20% in July. University students have dealt with three years of uncertainty and frequent periods of online learning.

The images from Qatar painted a contrast to State media propaganda that has continued to highlight COVID-19 deaths elsewhere in the world and chastised countries for living with the virus. The World Cup is being closely followed in China, with topics related to it garnering over 500 million views on social media site Weibo.

While World Cups are usually a commercial bonanza for restaurants and bars in China attracting tens of thousands of fans, Beijing has currently closed all bars and restaurants because of current cases.

# Police beat protesting workers at virus-hit Chinese iPhone factory

Associated Press
BEIJING

Employees at the world's biggest Apple iPhone factory were beaten and detained in protests over pay amid anti-virus controls, according to witnesses and videos on social media on Wednesday, as tensions mount over Chinese efforts to combat a renewed rise in infections.

Videos filmed at the factory in Zhengzhou showed thousands of people in masks facing rows of police in white protective suits with plastic riot shields.

**Flash point:** Officials in protective clothing attack a protester at Apple's iPhone factory in Zhengzhou in China on Wednesday. AP

Frustration with restrictions in areas throughout China that have closed shops and offices and confined millions of people to their homes has boiled over into protests.

According to an employee, a protest erupted on Tuesday over complaints Foxconn changed conditions for new workers who were attracted by offers of higher pay.

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF STATE CHIEF INFORMATION COMMISSIONER AND FOUR STATE INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS OF TAMIL NADU INFORMATION COMMISSION

The time for submitting applications for the posts of **State Chief Information Commissioner and four State Information Commissioners for the Tamil Nadu Information Commission** is extended upto **03.12.2022.** Interested person may send his / her application in the prescribed form along with the relevant documents by Speed Post / Registered Post / e-Mail so as to reach the following address on or before **5.00 pm** of **03.12.2022.**

**Justice G.M. Akbar Ali (Retd.),**
Chairperson, Search Committee,
Second Floor, Catholic Center,
No.108, Armenian Street, Parry's - Chennai - 600 001.
E-mail ID: **gmakbarali52@gmail.com**

Application form and other details can be downloaded from **www.tn.gov.in/department/22** under the heading "Announcements".

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# Walmart employee kills six in U.S. mass shooting

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

A Walmart employee shot dead six persons at a store bustling with Thanksgiving holiday shoppers, before turning the pistol on himself, the police said on Wednesday, in the country's second mass shooting in four days.

Four other persons remained hospitalised in unknown condition following the Tuesday night rampage in the Walmart in Chesapeake, Virginia.

The police said the gunman was believed to have died of a "self-inflicted gunshot wound," and that the motive behind the latest attack in America's gun violence crisis was not immediately known.

The assault two days before Thanksgiving, the quintessential American family holiday marked this year on November 24, followed a weekend gun attack at an LGBTQ club in Colorado that killed five persons.

It was also the second mass shooting in the state of Virginia this month: three students at the University of Virginia who played on its football team were killed on November 13 by a classmate after a field trip.

Walmart, the largest retailer in the United States, issued a statement saying: "We are shocked at this tragic event."

# Mahinda blames foreign forces, previous regime for Sri Lanka's economic crisis

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Two-time President and former Prime Minister Mahinda Rajapaksa on Tuesday blamed "foreign forces" and the former government for Sri Lanka's economic collapse, while admitting to "some wrong decisions" taken by their ousted administration.

Foreign powers "eyeing Sri Lanka's national assets", and their "local agents" who were "still active" were fuelling anti-government protests, Mr. Mahinda told Parliament, during the second reading of the Budget presented by President Ranil Wickremesinghe, who is also the Finance Minister. "It was them who sponsored the protests in the country. Their action affects the tourism sector, which has now begun to recover," Mr. Mahinda said, calling Mr. Wickremesinghe's crucial, crisis-time Budget a "giant leap" to stabilise the economy.

Mahinda Rajapaksa

### Ranil's reign

In July this year, Mr. Wickremesinghe was elected President through a parliamentary vote, in which the Rajapaksas' party – holding a majority in the House – backed him, after mass public protests dislodged Mr. Gotabaya, in the wake of an unprecedented economic crisis. Citizens accused the Rajapaksa clan, that held all the important positions in the office, of presiding over the country's dreadful financial crash with poor policy choices, corruption, indiscriminate borrowing, and a refusal to course correct despite experts raising alarm.

### Economic woes

Mr. Wickremesinghe, who has likened his task to taking over the Titanic after it hit the iceberg, has vowed to put the economy on a path of recovery. However, with Colombo making little headway in restructuring the country's foreign debt, the wait for the $2.9 billion package from the International Monetary Fund (IMF) will be longer than was expected by the government.

Budget 2023, passed on Tuesday with a majority of 37 votes in the 225-member House, aims to introduce policies in line with the IMF's expectations, but it has also drawn criticism from economists, political opposition, and government critics. They point to inadequate social security for the poor and high defence spending, among other aspects, as major drawbacks.

### Defence budget

Mr. Mahinda sought to defend the government's allocation for the defence sector - LKR 539 billion, an increase by over 10% since last year - that some, mainly Tamil parliamentarians, slammed in the House. "Some are questioning the defence allocation. I would like to tell them that a country's defence is more important than anything else. We will not allow the nation's security to be at stake," Mr. Mahinda added.

Although the Rajapaksa brothers resigned from office, their party still has a majority in Parliament. Mr. Gotabaya, who fled the country, is back in Colombo and has been accorded special security by the government. Mr. Basil, the strategist of the ruling Sri Lanka Podujana Peramuna (SLPP or People's Front) who also left the country amid public rage, returned last weekend, with high-ranking police officials receiving him at the airport.

# Nepal's Deuba elected to parliament for seventh time

Press Trust of India
KATHMANDU

Nepal Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba was elected on Wednesday with a huge margin of votes for the House of Representatives for the seventh consecutive time, with his ruling Nepali Congress party leading in the election tally by winning 19 seats so far.

Mr. Deuba's predecessor and Opposition CPN-UML leader K. P. Sharma Oli defeated his nearest Nepali Congress rival Khagendra Adhikari by a wide margin of 28,574 votes.

Mr. Oli was elected from Jhapa-5 after receiving 52,315 votes, highest number of votes received by any candidate in the November 20 Parliamentary elections.

Mr. Deuba's Nepali Congress (NC) has so far won 19 seats and is leading in 37 others, while Mr. Oli's CPN-UML has won 7 seats and was ahead in 37. The NC allies – CPN-Maoist won 3 seats and is leading in 15 others, CPN-Unified Socialist won 2 and is leading in 8 while Loktantrik Samajwadi Party has won one and is leading in 2 seats.

The CPN-UML partners – the Rastriya Prajatantra Party and Janata Samajwadi Party – have won one seat each and are leading in four seats each.

The newly-formed Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP) has so far won four seats.

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU

**TIRUPPUR CITY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION**
MUNICIPAL OFFICE ROAD, TIRUPPUR - 641 604.
**INVITATION FOR BIDS**

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| **Date** | **21st November,2022** |
| **Loan No. and Title** | **Tamil Nadu Urban Flagship Investment Program (TNUFIP), Tranche 2.** |
| **Contract No. and Title** | **Tender Notice No. E1/6897/2017**<br>**Transforming the existing intermittent water supply to continuous 24x7 water supply distribution system for the water zone 30 & 50 in Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation - Period of Completion 12 months followed by 3 months Trial Run and Commissioning** |
| **Deadline for submission of Bids** | **9th January, 2023 at 15.00 Hours (IST)** |

1. India has applied for financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) towards the cost of TamilNadu Urban Flag ship Investment Program (TNUFIP), Tranche 2. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contracts named above. Bidding is open to Bidders from eligible source countries of the ADB.
2. **The Commissioner, Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation, Tiruppur** ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the construction and completion of **Transforming the existing intermittent water supply to continuous 24x7 water supply distribution system for the water zone 30 & 50 in Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation- Period of Completion 12 months followed by 3 months Trial Run and Commissioning** ("the Works").
3. **National Competitive Bidding** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: Two -Envelope Bidding procedure and is open to all bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Documents.
4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding;
   - Minimum average annual construction turnover of **INR 49,20,00,000/-**calculated as total certified received payments for contracts in processor completed, within the last three (3) years.
   - Has Financial resources, less its financial obligations for its current contract commitments defined, meet or exceed the total requirement for the Subject Contract of **INR 8,20,00,000/-.**
   - Participation in atleast one contract that has been successfully or substantially completed with in the last five years and that is similar to the proposed works, where the value of the Bidder's participation exceeds **INR 20,50,00,000/-** The similarity of the Bidder's participation shall be based on the physical size, nature of works, complexity, methods, technology, or other characteristics as described in Section 6 (Employer's Requirements).
   - Meets other Personnel and Equipment requirements as stipulated in the Bidding Documents.

However, for complete eligibility and qualification requirements, bid documents should be referred.

5. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, Bidders should contact:
   **THE COMMISSIONER,**
   Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation.,Municipal Office Road, Tiruppur–641604.
   email: **commr.tiruppur@tn.gov.in**
   Phone: **0421–2240852,** FAX: **0421–2237851.**
6. **A Pre-bid meeting** shall take place on **21st December, 2022** at **11.00 Hours (IST)** at the address stated above.
7. To purchase the bidding documents in English language, eligible Bidders should:
   - Visit the Office of the City Engineer, Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation, Municipal Office Road, Tiruppur 641 604 and pay a non-refundable fee of **INR 1000 + GST** towards the cost of bidding document in the form of Bank Demand Draft in favour of the **Commissioner, Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation, Tiruppur.**
   - In case of written request, the document will be sent by post/courier.The Bidder who wish to receive the bidding document by post/courier shall have to pay an additional amount of **INR 4000** for delivery with in India or **US$ 100** for delivery Outside India. The method of payment will be through Bank Demand Draft in favour of the **Commissioner, Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation, Tiruppur.** No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery.
   - Eligible bidder may download the bidding document in English language in the website **www.tntenders.gov.in** and **www.tnuifsl.com** at free of cost **up to 14.00 Hours on 09.01.2023**.
8. Bids should be submitted:
   - To the address above
   - On or before the deadline: **9th January, 2023 at 15.00 Hours (IST)**
   - Together with a Bid Security as described in the Bidding Document.
   - Electronic submission is not allowed.
9. Bid will be opened on **9th January, 2023 at 15.30 Hours (IST)** in the presence of Bidder's representatives who choose to attend, where as the Financial Bids shall remain sealed and unopened and shall be placed locked. The Financial Bids of only Technically Responsible and Qualified Bidders shall be opened after Technical Bid Evaluation, whereas, the financial bids of those Bidders whose Technical Bids are not responsive and qualified shall be returned unopened after the contract is awarded.

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**Commissioner,**
**Tiruppur City Municipal Corporation**

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## INBRIEF

### Air India introduces flights to New York, Paris, Frankfurt

Air India on Wednesday announced new flight services from Mumbai to New York, Paris and Frankfurt, and the resumption of non-stop flight services from Delhi to Copenhagen, Milan and Vienna. Along with the last round of expansion announced in September, Air India has now grown its U.S. network by more than 50%. Air India would now serve seven cities in Europe with 79 weekly non-stop flights – 48 to the United Kingdom and 31 to Continental Europe.

### India, GCC to start discussions on free trade pact today

India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will announce the beginning of negotiations for a free trade agreement on Thursday. The pact aims at promoting two-way commerce and investments between the regions, an official said. GCC is a union of six countries in the Gulf region – Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman and Bahrain. Bilateral trade had increased to $154.73 billion in 2021-22, from $87.4 billion in 2020-21, as per Commerce Ministry data. PTI

### Zydus gets U.S. FDA approval for stomach ulcer injection

Zydus Lifesciences on Wednesday said it has received final approval from the U.S. health regulator to market its generic version of famotidine injection indicated to treat ulcers of the stomach and intestines. The approval granted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (U.S.FDA) is for famotidine injection of strength 40 mg/4mL (10 mg/mL) and 200 mg/20 mL (10 mg/mL) multiple-dose vials, the firm said. The injection had annual sales of $1.9 million in the U.S., it said citing IQVIA MAT September data. PTI

# 'India cotton exports may miss forecast on high prices'

Export enquiries weak as Indian cotton is more expensive by 10 cents a pound compared with world cotton prices, says Rakesh Rathi, former president of Indian Cotton Association, Bathinda

**M. Soundariya Preetha**
COIMBATORE

Cotton exports this year may fall short of the 40 lakh bales estimated recently by the Committee on Cotton Production and Consumption, traders said.

According to Rakesh Rathi, former president of the Indian Cotton Association (ICA), Bathinda, export enquiries are poor as Indian cotton is still about 10 cents a pound more expensive when compared with world cotton prices.

"We started this season with very poor opening stock," Mr. Rathi said. "Arrivals are not picking up as expected and domestic mills are gradually increasing capacity utilisation."

Cotton arrivals in November usually surpass 1.5 lakh bales a day. At present, it is at 1.15 lakh to 1.3 lakh bales per day. In several areas, sowing and harvesting have been delayed.

Further, farmers were waiting for prices to improve, he said.

President of Cotton Association of India (CAI) Atul S. Ganatra said farmers had sold raw cotton in the range of ₹10,000 to ₹15,000 per 100 kg in the last season while prices were currently in the range of ₹9,000 per 100 kg.

**'ICE futures lower'**

"Prices are down 35% already," Mr. Ganatra said. "So farmers are not selling. But, there are no signs that prices would improve. The ICE futures prices [for ginned cotton] are ₹50,000 a candy (356 kg) for March delivery whereas Indian cotton prices are ₹66,000 a candy now."

CAI expects exports this season (Oct. 2022 to Sept. 2023) to be about 30 lakh bales. Since October 1, only 50,000 bales have been shipped compared with 7 lakh bales in the year-ago period, Mr. Ganatra added.

**Fluffed up prices**

CAI expects exports between October 2022 and September 2023 to be about 30 lakh bales

- Cotton arrivals in Nov., which usually surpass 1.5 lakh bales/day, currently at 1.15 - 1.3 lakh bales/day
- Farmers had sold raw cotton in the range of ₹10,000 - ₹15,000/100 kg last season
- Farmers are waiting for the prices to improve from the ₹9,000 per 100 kg range

# India growth to slow to 5.9% in 2023, says Goldman Sachs

**The Hindu Bureau**
MUMBAI

**Goldman expects a 25 bps repo rate cut in Q4 2023 if inflation dips to 5.3% as per its forecast**

India's economic growth is expected to slow to 5.9% in 2023, from 6.9% in 2022, Goldman Sachs said in its India 2023 outlook report.

"Growth will likely be a tale of two halves, with a slower first half as the reopening boost fades, and monetary tightening weighs on domestic demand. In the second half, growth is likely to re-accelerate as global growth recovers, drag from net exports diminishes and investment cycle picks up," Goldman Sachs said. Retail inflation is likely to dip to 6.1% in 2023 from 6.8% in 2022 as 'active government intervention' would cap food inflation, it added.

"Core goods inflation has peaked but upside risks to services inflation are likely to keep core inflation sticky around 6%," Goldman Sachs said. It said the Reserve Bank would likely raise the repo rate to 6.75% by February 2023.

"We bake in a 25 bps repo rate cut in Q4 2023 if inflation pans out as per our forecasts to reach 5.3% y-o-y by Q4," it further said.

It noted that the current account deficit would stay wide given the export drag from a global slowdown, adding service exports would offer some cushion.

### G7 looking at Russian oil price cap of $65-70/barrel: EU diplomat

**Reuters**
BRUSSELS

The Group of Seven nations (G7) is looking at a price cap on Russian seaborne oil in the range of $65-70 per barrel, a European Union diplomat said on Wednesday.

Ambassadors from the 27 EU countries are discussing the G7 proposal with the aim of reaching a common position by the end of the day.

**'Punitive action'**

The G7, including the U.S., as well as the whole of the EU and Australia, are slated to implement the price cap on seaborne exports of Russian oil on December 5, as part of sanctions intended to punish Moscow for its invasion of Ukraine.

"The G7 apparently is looking at a $65-70 per barrel bandwidth," the diplomat said.

The idea of the price cap is to prohibit shipping, insurance and re-insurance firms from handling cargoes of Russian crude unless it is sold for no more than the maximum price set by the G7 and its allies.

The vast majority of Russia's oil is carried by tankers rather than via pipelines. At the same time, because production costs are estimated at about $20 per barrel, the price cap would still make it profitable for Russia to sell the oil, while preventing a global supply shortage.

Brent crude futures initially fell to $86.54 from $87.30 on the news.

### Oil slumps more than 3% on Russian oil price cap talks

**Reuters**
LONDON

Oil prices fell by more than $2 a barrel on Wednesday as the Group of Seven nations looked at a price cap on Russian oil above where the crude grade is currently trading.

Brent crude futures fell $2.82, or 3.19%, to $85.54 a barrel by 1450 GMT. Contracts fell $3 per barrel after rising by more than $1 a barrel earlier in the day.

## MARKETS

**MARKET WATCH**

| | WEDNESDAY | % CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Sensex | 61,511 | 0.15 |
| US Dollar | 81.93 | -0.32 |
| Gold | 52,797 | 0.13 |
| Brent oil | 84.61 | -4.83 |

**NIFTY 50**

| | PRICE | CHANGE |
|---|---|---|
| Adani Enter | 3903.30 | -130.70 |
| Adani Ports | 873.60 | -8.85 |
| Apollo Hosp | 4605.20 | 135.40 |
| Asian Paints | 3100.80 | -3.05 |
| Axis Bank | 874.70 | 4.65 |
| Bajaj Auto | 3607.85 | -11.25 |
| Bajaj Finserv | 1636.20 | -7.15 |
| Bajaj Finance | 6780.05 | 95.00 |
| Bharti Airtel | 843.25 | -4.35 |
| BPCL | 310.15 | 3.30 |
| Britannia Ind | 4155.15 | -2.45 |
| Cipla | 1108.00 | 3.90 |
| Coal India | 230.60 | 1.50 |
| Divis Lab | 3299.95 | -5.65 |
| Dr Reddys Lab | 4405.65 | 43.15 |
| Eicher Motors | 3380.90 | 5.85 |
| Grasim Ind | 1702.55 | 2.85 |
| HCL Tech | 1103.40 | 0.00 |
| HDFC | 2637.45 | 12.10 |
| HDFC Bank | 1599.15 | 4.15 |
| HDFC Life | 547.65 | 7.70 |
| Hero MotoCorp | 2658.85 | -26.60 |
| Hindalco | 433.35 | 2.70 |
| Hind Unilever | 2507.35 | -8.35 |
| ICICI Bank | 927.45 | 3.75 |
| IndusInd Bank | 1174.35 | 4.95 |
| Infosys | 1583.15 | -1.90 |
| ITC | 339.80 | -0.45 |
| JSW Steel | 720.55 | 12.30 |
| Kotak Bank | 1953.35 | 13.60 |
| L&T | 2025.00 | -4.80 |
| M&M | 1235.70 | 7.25 |
| Maruti Suzuki | 8934.50 | 60.75 |
| NestleIndia | 19565.10 | -48.40 |
| NTPC | 168.05 | 1.00 |
| ONGC | 136.50 | 1.30 |
| PowerGrid Corp | 215.15 | -2.65 |
| Reliance Ind | 2557.05 | -8.00 |
| SBI Life | 1226.30 | -2.75 |
| State Bank | 607.65 | 8.55 |
| Sun Pharma | 1017.65 | 7.55 |
| TataConsumerProduct | 770.15 | -1.15 |
| Tata Motors | 424.05 | -0.65 |
| Tata Steel | 105.45 | 0.25 |
| TCS | 3308.30 | -6.65 |
| Tech Mahindra | 1044.05 | -6.60 |
| Titan | 2601.75 | -4.45 |
| UltraTech Cement | 6824.05 | -19.00 |
| UPL | 768.50 | -0.25 |
| Wipro | 388.75 | -0.05 |

**EXCHANGE RATES**

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on November 23

| CURRENCY | TT BUY | TT SELL |
|---|---|---|
| US Dollar | 81.65 | 81.97 |
| Euro | 84.11 | 84.44 |
| British Pound | 97.24 | 97.63 |
| Japanese Yen (100) | 57.70 | 57.93 |
| Chinese Yuan | 11.41 | 11.45 |
| Swiss Franc | 85.66 | 86.00 |
| Singapore Dollar | 58.92 | 59.16 |
| Canadian Dollar | 60.90 | 61.14 |
| Malaysian Ringitt | 17.84 | 17.93 |
| Australian Dollar | 54.23 | 54.45 |

Source:Indian Bank

### ATM maker Diebold set to expand India presence

**Press Trust of India**
BENGALURU

U.S.-headquartered ATM maker Diebold Nixdorf on Wednesday said it is set to expand its presence in India by opening a new manufacturing facility.

The NYSE-listed firm said it has started manufacturing its DN Series cash-dispensing and cash-recycling machines at a manufacturing facility here.

The dedicated plant has been set up with its contract-manufacturing partner in India, NASH Industries. The state-of-the-art facility has an inbuilt capacity to make more than 18,000 machines a year.

# India gold sees discount, COVID curbs take toll in China

**Reuters**

Physical gold demand in Asia stayed soft this week, with premiums in top hub China easing further as fresh COVID-19 restrictions dimmed activity while higher domestic prices put off most buyers in India.

In India, dealers offered discounts of up to $21 an ounce over official domestic prices – inclusive of 15% import and 3% sales levies – compared with last week's $26 discounts.

"Instead of buying, few people are selling old jewellery. The price rise has stalled buying momentum gained during the festive season," said Ashok Jain, proprietor of Mumbai-based gold wholesaler Chenaji Narsinghji. Local gold prices jumped to ₹53,200 per 10 gm last week, the highest since April 19.

Bullion dealers and banks were trying to clear lower priced stocks by offering hefty discounts, said a Mumbai-based bullion dealer with a private bank.

Premiums in China eased to $10-15 an ounce over benchmark spot prices from last week's $8-$25.

"Although seasonal demand is quite strong globally, the recent uptick in market prices coupled with renewed COVID lockdowns in China have dampened domestic demand," said independent analyst Ross Norman.

Premiums had been spiking since September, reaching as high as $45 at one point, but have eased this month.

Higher prices dented activity in Hong Kong as well, with gold priced between on par with the benchmark prices to $2.50 premiums.

Singapore dealers charged $1.50-$3.00 premiums.

**TANGEDCO**
TENDER NOTICE :TANGEDCO/SHORT/ PP-30/2022
TANGEDCO invites E-Tender for procurement of power up to 1000 MW power during (06-08 hrs) & (17-21 hrs) for the period from 01.12.2022 to 31.12.2022 from both interstate and intrastate generators on firm basis from CERC/TNERC approved Traders/ Generators. Bidding will be done as per the revised guidelines for short term procurement of power notified by the Ministry of Power vide resolution dated 30.03.2016 and as per amendments dated:21.02.2022 through e-Bidding portal (DEEP) only and subsequent amendments thereof are applicable to this tender specification. The link for the e-Bidding portal is **www.mstcecommerce.com**, and is also available on the website of Ministry of Power (**www.powermin.nic.in**) and PFC Consulting Ltd (**www.pfcclindia.com**). Specification is available in TANGEDCO website and MSTC DEEP E-Bidding portal.
Chief Engineer/PPP
TANGEDCO
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**Bangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited**
(Wholly owned Government of Karnataka Undertaking)
(CIN - UO4010KA2002SGC030438)
**Tender Notification**
(Through e-Procurement Platform)
BESCOM invites tender against Enq. No: CEE/BMANZ/SEE(O)/AEE-1/22-23/Enq No-07 Call-2 Dt: 22.11.2022 for providing 84 numbers of man power services to fast track helpline desk on Contract basis for a period of one year to various O&M sub-divisions of East and North circle, BMAZN, BESCOM. Issue of Bid Documents: 24.11.2022 to 23.12.2022, 14:00 Hrs. Last date for receipt of Bid Documents: 23.12.2022 Upto 16:00Hrs. Opening of Bid Documents on or after: 26.12.2022, 11:00Hrs. The tender can be obtained through e-Procurement by visiting our website or directly you can access the tendering website https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in. Any clarifications about e-payment contact e-procurement help desk 080-23010900/22340948 or e-mail to: hphelpdesk.blr@rteservices.com for any issue.
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**Ballari City Corporation, Ballari.**
No:CCB/ENG/DM/MGNVY/Package-8/2020-21(2022-23) Date: 18-11-2022
**SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION**
**(Through e-procurement portal Only)**
The Commissioner Ballari City Corporation. Ballari invites Tender as per the KTPP Act 1999-2000 through E-Procurement portal for Mahatma Gandhi Nagara Vikasa Yojane grants, the following indent No. **DMA/2021-22/OW/Work_Indent 125959/Call-5** eligible contractor with having KPWD license can participate in the tender for more information Tender documents can be downloaded from **18.12.2022 to 02.12.2022** on or before 16.30 Hours Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on **25.11.2022** at 11:30 Hours. Last date for submission of tender through e-procurement portal is on **02.12.2022** at 17.30 Hours. The Technical Bid will be opened on **05.12.2022** at 11:00 Hours Technically Qualified contractors Financial Bid will be opened on **09.12.2022** at 11:00 Hours. Tender and EMD should be remitted in the e-procurement portal, Government of Karnataka, if any corrigendum & addendum will be uploaded in the e-portal: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** For any further details contact this office Land line No. 08392-273479 and e-mail ID bellarycommissioner@yahoo.co.in
**Sd/- Commissioner**
**Ballari City Corporation, Ballari**

Govt Of Karantaka
**Woman And Child Development Departament**
**Child Development Project Office Kanakagiri**
Navali Road Kanakagiri-583283, Dist: Koppal
Gmail: cdpokanakagiri@gmail.com
Poultry eggs e-tender under matrupurna scheme for beneficiaries and children
**TENDER SCHEDULE**
**(1.)**Tender Reference **No.:CDPO/KNK/EGG/TENDER:2022-23** dated 19.11.2022. **(2.)** Date of Commencement of Download of Tender Document from eProcurement website **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** : From **19.11.2022. (3.)** Date, Time & Venue of Pre-bid Meeting: **28.11.2022** at **11:00 AM** at the following venue: Office of the Child Development Project Officer Department of Women and Child Development Navali Road Near Hero Bike showroom Kanakagiri Taluk Kanakagiri, District Koppal Karnataka -583283. **(4.)** Last Date and Time for uploading of eTender in eProcurement portal: **19.12.2022** up to **5:00 PM (5.)** Date and Time of Online Opening of Technical Bids: **21.12.2022** up to **10:30 AM (6.)** Date and Time of opening of Financial Bids: **22.12.2022** up to **10:30 AM (7.)** Place of opening of Tenders CDPO Office Kanakagiri. Navali Road Near Hero Bike showroom Kanakagiri Taluk Kanakagiri, District Koppal Karnataka - 583283.
**SD/- Child Development**
**Project Officer, Kanakagiri**
DIPR/KOPPAL/458/2022-23/DESHPANDEPUBLICITY

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(A Government of Odisha Undertaking)
**Regd. Office: Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022**
CIN:U40102OR2004SGC007553
**TENDER ALERT**
**1)E-Tender Call Notice No.CPC.27/2022-23:** Sr. GM (CPC) invites tenders from reputed manufacturers in two part bidding system for Supply of 132kV Isolators, 33kV Isolators and spares of 400kV Isolators along with supply & retrofitting of mechanism boxes.
**2)E-Tender Call Notice No.CPC-17/2022-23:** Sr. GM (CPC) from reputed manufacturers under two part bidding system for supply of 13 (Thirteen) nos. of 20MVA, 132/33kV Power Transformer.
**3)E-Tender Call Notice No.ED-CZ-01/2022-23:** Tenders are invited for Construction of PCC & Metal spreading of 132kV Switchyard of 400/220/132kV Grid S/S, Meramundali under EHT O&M Division, Meramundali under Central Zone, Bhubaneswar.
**4)E-Tender Call Notice No.ED-NZ-02/2022-23:** Tenders are invited from reputed manufacturers for Supply, Supervision of erection,Testing and Commissioning of 10 Nos of maintenance free Single Isolators 245kV, 40KA, 2500A, three pole horizontal center break motor drive without earth switch at Grid Substation, Joda under Northern Zone, Balasore.
Complete set of bidding documents are available on the tender portal: **www.tenderwizard.com/OPTCL** portal, and OPTCL's official website: **www.optcl.co.in**.
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Government of Karnataka
**Karnataka Public Works, Department, Sirasi Division(U.K), Karnataka Ph: 08384-223164, Fax: 08384-224100**
No. PWD/SR./Dn/AE/IFT/DCW/2022-23/3121 Date: 17.11.2022
**INVITATION FOR TENDERS (IFT) (SHORT TERM) KW-3**
**e-Tender Notification Letter No: 2741 Date: 10.10.2022**
1. The Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Sirasi invites tenders from eligible tenderers, for the construction of works detailed in the Table below. The tenderers may submit tenders for any or all of the works given in the Table. **The price tender which will be opened only if the Tenderer is found to be qualified to execute the tendered works. The Tenderers are advised to note the minimum qualification criteria specified in Clause 3 of the Instructions to Tenderers to qualify for award of the contract. (26.03.2021)** (2) Tender documents may be downloaded from Government of Karnataka e-Procurement website **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in/eportal/index.seam** under login for Contractors: (3) Tenders must be accompanied by EMD Declaration form Proforma attached (4) Tenders must be electronically submitted (on-line through internet) with in the date and time published in e-procurement portal. The technical bid will be opened after prescribed time and date in the eprocurement portal, in the presence of the Tenderers who wish to attend at the Office of the Executive Engineer, PWD Department, SIRSI Division. (5) Other details can be seen in the tender documents
**(Total 1 Work)**
(1) Last date and time for Tender Queries/Clarifications: **28.11.2022 up to 16.00.00** (2) Last Date and Time for receipt of tenders: **29.11.2022 up to 16.00.00** (3) Date and Time for opening of Technical Bid: **30.11.2022 @ 16.30.00** (4) Date and Time for opening of Financial Bid: **01.12.2022 @ 16.00.00**
***Sd/-* Executive Engineer**
**Public Work Department Division**
**Sirsi (Uttara Kannada)**
DIPR/ADK/MCA/646/22-23 dt.22.11.2022

# Cloud of uncertainty hovers over the 600 employees of Jet Airways' JetLite unit

**Jagriti Chandra**
NEW DELHI

The almost 600 staff of JetLite, the wholly owned unit of Jet Airways, still await clarity on how the dues owed to them will be paid.

The National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) order last month directing Jet's new promoters, the Jalan Kalrock consortium, to pay provident fund and gratuity to the airline's staff had lent a glimmer of hope at JetLite.

"JetLite India Limited is not part of the resolution plan submitted by the Jalan-Kalrock Consortium (JKC) as approved by the NCLT," a spokersperson of JKC said in reply to a query from *The Hindu*. "Accordingly, we cannot comment on the present status of JetLite, employees or the assets owned by it."

Jet had acquired Sahara Airlines in 2007 as a wholly owned arm and christened it as JetLite. Sahara Airlines' employees were then considered its "continued employees."

The 2021 NCLT order, approving the JKC's resolution plan paving the way for revival of Jet Airways, however said the JKC had proposed to offer 100% equity held by Jet Airways in JetLite to the financial creditors, and if that was not acceptable, the JKC would have to liquidate the airline as soon as possible.

**Call on liquidation**

Industry sources, closely involved with Jet Airways' insolvency process, said the creditors refused the JKC proposal, which implied that once a board for Jet Airways was constituted, comprising JKC and creditors, a call would be taken on JetLite's future.

They explained that under the IBC law, a subsidiary is considered a 'separate juristic person' and therefore, insolvency proceedings against a principal company doesn't automatically mean insolvency of its subsidiaries.

But with JKC and lenders reaching another stalemate after the former moved the NCLAT this month pleading that while it would pay the employees from its cash balance, the balance amount would have to come from the lenders, the fate of JetLite and its staff hangs in balance.

Meanwhile, JetLite's permit to operate commercial flights is set to expire. "The resolution professional can't wash his hands off this responsibility," said Hariharan Narayan, a Jet Airways Officers and Staff Association member.

NOVEL PROTEST

## Germany players 'voice' dissent over FIFA's armband ban

Germany's players covered their mouths before their opening World Cup match against Japan in an apparent rebuke of FIFA's clampdown on plans to wear armbands to protest discrimination in host nation Qatar. The country has been under scrutiny for its human rights record.

SAFETY FIRST

## Son to take the field against Uruguay with protective mask

Son Heung-min is likely to mask up as South Korea faces Uruguay in their Group H opener on Thursday. Son sustained a fracture around his left eye in a collision with Marseille's Chancel Mbemba in a Champions League match. Son felt a protective mask would serve him better now.

IN TROUBLE AGAIN

## Has England skipper Kane's ankle injury resurfaced?

England captain Harry Kane is due to have a scan on his ankle, two days before the team faces the United States in the World Cup, reports said on Wednesday. Kane left the Khalifa International Stadium on Monday with strapping to his ankle. Kane, top-scorer at the last World Cup in Russia, has a history of ankle injuries.

DOWN AND OUT

## Big loss for France as Hernandez is ruled out of the World Cup

Another one of France's 2018 World Cup-winning team was injured on Tuesday and ruled out of the Qatar edition. Lucas Hernandez lasted just eight minutes of France's opening game against Australia before suffering a ruptured ACL in his right knee. He is likely to miss the rest of the season.

# Doan, Asano the heroes as Japan springs a surprise on Germany

The Asian team scripts an incredible comeback after falling behind by a goal from Gundogan in the 33rd minute

FIFA WORLD CUP

**Reuters**
DOHA

Late goals by Ritsu Doan and Takuma Asano gave Japan an incredible 2-1 comeback victory over Germany in the World Cup on Wednesday after the four-time champion had looked to be cruising to victory via an Ilkay Gundogan penalty, but paid a fatal price for missing chances.

The shock result was a repeat of its 2018 World Cup nightmare when, as defending champion, it lost the opener to Mexico and, after another defeat by South Korea, was condemned to an unheard of group-stage exit.

**Joy and despair:** Doan breathed life into the contest for Japan as he scores the equaliser to leave the German players crestfallen. GETTY IMAGES

### Missed chances

Germany looked in total command in the Group-E clash but, with each missed chance, left the door open for Japan, which showed almost nothing in attack until a series of substitutions injected some energy in the second half.

Doan equalised in the 75th minute before Asano showed lovely control and smashed the winner in from a tight angle – causing an explosion of joy among the Japan bench.

It was a turnaround that looked scarcely believable as Japan struggled to get any foothold for most of the game.

Germany's early dominance was rewarded when Joshua Kimmich picked out David Raum in acres of space in the box and goalkeeper Shuichi Gonda clumsily brought him down as he turned, with Gundogan dispatching the penalty in the 33rd minute.

Kai Havertz turned in what he thought was a second in first-half stoppage time and although the assistant referee was about the only person in the Khalifa International stadium not to notice he was a metre offside and VAR duly disallowed it.

There was initially little change to the pattern in the second half as Jamal Musiala shot over after a penetrating run and Gundogan clipped a post.

Gonda then made amends with four successive saves to deny Jonas Hofmann and Serge Gnabry, keeping his side in the game. Manuel Neuer, appearing in his fourth World Cup, was also alert to save from Hiroki Sakai and did well again soon after to block one from Takumi Minamino, only for fellow substitute Doan to smash in the loose ball.

### Superb goal

Suddenly buoyed, Japan pushed on and Asano showed great strength to bring down a high free-kick and hold off defender Nico Schlotterbeck and fantastic technique to hammer the ball into the smallest of spaces.

Germany launched an all-out attack from then on, but to no avail and now faces a potentially must-win game next against Spain.

Japan next takes on Costa Rica and will already be dreaming of making it to the the last-16 stage.

**The result: Group E:** Germany 1 (Gundogan 33-pen) lost to Japan 2 (Doan 75, Asano 83).

# Enrique's Spanish Armada sets sail in glorious fashion

**Agence France-Presse**
DOHA

Spain shredded Costa Rica 7-0 in a brutal destruction in its Group E opener on Wednesday.

Luis Enrique's fancied side sparkled at the Al Thumama Stadium, dominating possession and utilising almost all the chances that came its way.

Ferran Torres netted twice while Marco Asensio, Dani Olmo, Gavi, Carlos Soler and Alvaro Morata were also on the scoresheet for Spain.

It took only 11 minutes for La Roja to open the scoring, with Gavi stabbing a pass forward for Olmo to receive in the area and the RB Leipzig winger taking one sublime touch to turn and another to stroke the ball gently past Keylor Navas.

**A feat to boot:** Gavi, at 18 years and 110 days, became the third youngest goalscorer at a World Cup. AP

### Sliced apart

Costa Rica, which was a surprise package at the 2014 World Cup, beating Italy and Uruguay and drawing with England to top their group, was sliced apart again for the second goal 10 minutes later.

Jordi Alba's low-drilled cross was rammed home by Real Madrid forward Asensio past his former teammate Navas.

Torres stroked home from the penalty spot after Alba was fouled by Oscar Duarte – a soft call on a hard night for Los Ticos who were never in the game and failed to muster a shot at goal.

Barcelona forward Torres capitalised on more slack defending to fire the fourth past Navas early in the second half.

Luis Enrique was able to take off the effervescent Pedri and Torres before the hour mark in order to rest them for Sunday's clash with Germany, and handed teenage Barcelona left-back Alejandro Balde his debut.

The 19-year-old roared up the pitch in the build-up to Spain's fifth goal, with substitute Morata crossing for Gavi to drill home with aplomb.

Kopa Trophy winner Gavi became the third youngest goalscorer at a World Cup at 18 years and 110 days old, after Mexico's Manuel Rosas and record holder Pele.

Soler and Morata then got in on the act with stoppage-time strikes to pile further misery on Costa Rica and help Spain flex its muscles in a perfect opening match in Qatar.

**The results:**
**Group E:** Spain 7 (Olmo 11, Asensio 21, Torres 31-pen, 54, Gavi 74, Soler 90, Morata 90+2) bt Costa Rica 0.
**Group F:** Morocco 0 drew with Croatia 0.

# Forgotten man Giroud highlights French masterclass against Australia

**Ayon Sengupta**
DOHA

A day when an angel fell, it was an underappreciated man who reminded the world of his endearing, unending love for the game and the grit to continue even when nobody pays any attention.

But here, the chanters of *Allez Le Bleus* at the Al Janoub Stadium rose in unison to salute Oliver Giroud, the scorer of two goals in a 4-1 victory over Australia.

The AC Milan striker was here only to be a support act to the Ballon d'Or winner Karim Benzema and Kylian Mbappe – still young, but now a diva. But a last-minute injury to Benzema, put Giroud suddenly in the spotlight and he delivered yet another unselfish, untiring performance.

He is now the joint highest scorer for France alongside Thiery Henry with 51 goals for France and also a Europa League, Champions League, FA Cup, Ligue 1, Serie A and a World Cup winner. But Giroud still finds little love.

**Vindicated:** Deschamps' persistence with Giroud has paid off and the forward moved level with Henry as France's top scorer. AP

Despite losing a string of players, Didier Deschamps – a World Cup winner both as a player and coach – was not too worried about breaking the Cup winners' curse. (Germany - 2014, Spain - 2010, France - 2002, Argentina - 1986, Argentina - 1978, Italy 1938 lost their opening encounters in the next World Cup.)

He had faith in Giroud and said: "Giroud is a veteran of our squads and the skills he has; even when he is not scoring goals, he is important for the team. Inside the squad, and I am sure in France, people love and appreciate him," ahead of the match.

Here, Giroud was finally seeing the physical manifestation of that love, with Deschamps – usually very unemotional, French-like – the first to give him a bear hug when he was finally substituted after another 89 minutes of selfless running.

**The result: Group D:** France 4 (Rabiot 27, Giroud 32, 71, Mbappe 68) bt Australia 1 (Goodwin 9).

TODAY'S FIESTA

KICK-OFF: 3.30 P.M.

KICK-OFF: 6.30 p.m.

KICK-OFF: 9.30 P.M.

KICK-OFF: 12.30 A.M. (Fri)

# The football magicians all set to take centrestage

**Ayon Sengupta**
DOHA

Brazil – the land of Samba, Carnival, the meandering Amazon and its equally sensitive Rainforest – has a way of life like no other place on earth. There's a mix of mystic, the fervent devotion for Christ the Redeemer – ever visible from every corner of Rio De Janeiro and its Copacabana Beach – and also the hip-swaying beats of the dancing belles and chugs of refreshing Caipirinha with a dash of cachaca, sugar, and lime.

It's an intoxicating life, forever driven by passion and beauty and a bit of madness. Brazil's football, too, reflects that life, drawing in followers from every corner by their twirling feet, swerving hips and a narcotic dependency with the ball – the *Meu Amor*.

And finally on Thursday – far from their home – the practitioners of this mesmerising art will look to hold sway over a global audience. At the gigantic Lusail Stadium, already a fallen shrine for neighbour and forever rival Argentina, Brazil will take on a rough and tough Serbia.

Coach Tite, definitely wiser after the quarterfinal loss four years ago, has the most outstanding squad of this World Cup – men of extraordinary talent fighting for every spot. This is a team that has no place for Roberto Firmino or Arsenal defender Gabriel, and will have Pep Guardiola's 'keeper Ederson warming the bench. Brazil, the only regular in every World Cup since 1930, has the experienced group of Neymar, Fabinho, Casemiro and Thiago Silva, who had garnered a record 45 points in a 17-match unbeaten qualifying campaign and won't be deterred by the firepower that Serbia packs.

**Talking tactics:** The Brazilian squad is all attention as coach Tite explains his game plan. AFP

It would not be wise to take Brazil lightly, and Dragan Stojkovic knows that. He will revert to a three-man defence after experimenting with four in the win over Bahrain in a preparatory game. His wingbacks Andrija Zivkovic and Filip Kostic will have to curb their attacking instinct to deal with the twin menace of Gabriel Jesus and Vinicius Junior even as Neymar floats like a butterfly. All three can sting like bees.

Serbia, though, wouldn't mind conceding a major part of the possession. The team, designed for quick breaks, however, might miss target-man and its top scorer Aleksander Mitrovic. But the Fulham striker is not fully fit after a groin injury.

Brazil, mindful of the quicksand that has swallowed a few pedigreed teams in Qatar already, will hope that its passion and panache ends a 20-year wait for football's ultimate prize.

## INBRIEF

### Swiss eye strong start in opener versus Cameroon

Switzerland hopes to secure early points in a tough Group G when it faces Cameroon in their opener on Thursday after a year of solid performances on the European stage. The Swiss reached the Euro 2020 quarterfinals and also finished ahead of Italy in their World Cup qualifying group to avoid the playoffs. With Granit Xhaka anchoring the midfield and Xherdan Shaqiri commanding the flank, Switzerland is expected to dominate Cameroon. The biggest question mark comes between the posts. Manager Murat Yakin has selected four goalkeepers due to injury concerns over starter Yann Sommer and back-up Jonas Omlin, calling up RB Salzburg's Philipp Kohn as one of two uncapped members of the squad. Although Cameroon is considered the least likely side in the section to reach the round of 16, the attacking talent of players such as Napoli's Andre-Frank Zambo Anguissa has the potential to rattle the Swiss defence. But Cameroon has failed to leave its mark at the finals since the 1990 edition, when it reached the quarter-finals.

### Senegal forced to shuffle line-up as Kouyate is injured

Senegal midfielder Cheikhou Kouyate is likely to miss the game against host Qatar at the World Cup because of a right hamstring injury, his team said on Wednesday. Kouyate was "probably" out of Senegal's second Group A game on Friday, the team said, forcing the African champion to reshuffle its line-up again having already lost forward Sadio Mane to injury days before the tournament started.

### Pat for Weah from legend Pele for his World Cup goal

Brazil great Pele congratulated United States forward Timothy Weah for scoring his debut goal in the World Cup in the Americans' 1-1 draw with Wales. "Congratulations. It was a beautiful goal. Keep dreaming, dreams come true," Pele wrote.

# Portugal ready to let its football do the talking against Ghana

With Ronaldo's United spat resolved, the Iberians will hope to focus on the game while the Africans will look to put behind their recent poor form

FIFA WORLD CUP

**Reuters**
DOHA

**Time to step up:** Ronaldo and a host of talented youngsters should give Portugal hope. GETTY IMAGES

Portugal will be keen to let its football do the talking when it faces Ghana in their World Cup opener on Thursday amid controversy over Cristiano Ronaldo's comments about Manchester United – which has since been sorted out after both parties agreed to terminate his contract immediately – and tensions between the squad and the media.

Portugal hammered Nigeria 4-0 in its last warm-up match before flying to Qatar, offering some encouragement to its fans after a poor run of form.

But Ghana too arrived on the Arabian Peninsula with wind its sails after beating Switzerland 2-0 in a friendly.

This match at the 974 Stadium gives the sides the chance to lay down an early marker in Group H, which also includes Uruguay and South Korea.

Portugal coach Fernando Santos has come under pressure from local media and fans following recent disappointments – including a last-16 Euros exit last year.

There is also talk of tension in the squad and worries among fans that the team is too focused on serving captain Ronaldo, who at 37 is past his prime.

"The environment in the changing room is excellent. No problems," five-time Ballon D'Or winner Ronaldo said on Monday. "The group is shielded. And I take this opportunity to say: stop asking about me."

He led Portugal to triumph at Euro 2016 but World Cup glory has eluded him and Qatar represents his last chance.

Some fans say the time has already come for Ronaldo to step aside and let talent such as Bruno Fernandes, Diogo Dalot, Bernardo Silva, Ruben Dias and Joao Cancelo take centre stage.

Lining up against them for Ghana are likely to be midfielder Thomas Partey, defender Daniel Amartey and striker Inaki Williams.

**Rebuild effort**

Coach Otto Addo, Ghana's third manager in 12 months, has sought to rebuild the team after a disastrous showing at the Cup of Nations in early 2022, bringing in more European-born players such as Brighton & Hove Albion wingback Tariq Lamptey.

But his plans suffered a setback when both of his leading goalkeepers suffered injuries, meaning third-choice Lawrence Ati-Zigi will be entrusted to keep out Ronaldo and co.

# S. Korea sweats on Son ahead of Uruguay clash

**Reuters**
DOHA

**Will he, won't he?** South Korea coach Bento has put a gag order on Son's status to keep Uruguay guessing. AFP

South Korea will be anxiously awaiting news of whether captain Son Heung-min is available when it needs him most, as it starts its campaign on Thursday against a Uruguay side with a track record of deep runs in the tournament.

The forward sustained multiple fractures around his left eye three weeks ago and has been training in Qatar wearing a black protective mask.

Group H also includes Portugal and Ghana, meaning Son's unrelenting threat and firepower against an uncertain Uruguayan defence will be vital for South Korea to pick up some crucial early points.

South Korea coach Paulo Bento has imposed a team gag order on discussing Son's state of World Cup readiness, hoping to keep Uruguay's strategists in the dark.

Son is eager to play, wary of the possibility of further injuries from a premature return, last week saying he was "more than willing to bear those risks".

Uruguay is once again the dark horse, with a squad that combines a trusted old guard with exciting young talent.

They includes Liverpool's Darwin Nunez, who is expected to be paired up front with the ageing Luis Suarez.

Nunez at 23 is 12 years younger than Suarez and fellow forward Edinson Cavani, who play in their fourth World Cup, as does captain and most capped player Diego Godin.

Among 13 debutants will be the versatile Federico Valverde and Facundo Pellistri, who will link up with in-form Rodrigo Bentancur in a midfield for which Uruguay's squad has plenty of depth.

Coach Diego Alonso sees the yawning age gap as a boon and believes Uruguay could even win this World Cup, as it did in 1930 and 1950.

That could be a tall order and commentators have noted frailties at the back that South Korea could exploit, particularly in the centre, while there is no word yet on whether Ronald Araujo is available after undergoing thigh surgery.

### Danes hint at walking away from FIFA membership

**Associated Press**
DOHA

European soccer showed its public frustration with FIFA president Gianni Infantino again on Wednesday – this time Denmark. It pledged it wouldn't vote for Infantino, who is running unopposed for re-election in March.

Danish soccer federation president Jesper Moller also hinted at wishing to walk away from FIFA membership. "I've thought about it again," Moller told Danish media in Qatar.

### Vidit and Narayanan win to put India ahead

**Sports Bureau**

Vidit Gujrathi and S.L. Narayanan won from the black side to set up India's 3-1 upset victory over France in the first round of the World team chess championship quarterfinals in Jerusalem on Wednesday.

Vidit stunned Maxime Vachier-Lagrave in 55 moves, Nihal Sarin drew with Jules Moussard in 42 turns, Narayanan needed 48 moves to outwit Laurent Fressinet before K. Sasikiran held Tigran Gharamian in 65 moves.

In the other quarterfinals, China defeated Poland 2.5-1.5, Spain held Azerbaijan 2-2 and Uzbekistan got the better of Ukraine 3-1.

# Sift Kaur outguns qualification topper Manini for Rifle 3P gold

SHOOTING

**M.R. Praveen Chandran**
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

**On the podium:** Golden girl Sift flanked by Manini and Shriyanka. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Punjab's Sift Kaur Samra, the national games gold medallist, won the women's 50m Rifle 3 position in the 65th National Shooting championship at the Vattiyoorkavu Shooting Range here on Wednesday.

Sift Kaur Samra outgunned Manini Kaushik (Rajasthan), who had topped the qualification round on Tuesday, 16-10 to take the gold. Sift Kaur Samra, who was sixth in the qualification round, shot 404.2 points to top the ranking round ahead of Manini who shot 402.9 points.

Orissa's Shriyanka Sadangi (402.1), who finished second behind Manini in the qualification round, sneaked ahead of current international and Olympian Anjum Modugil (401.2) in the ranking round to take the bronze medal. International Mehuli Ghosh (347.8) finished fifth.

Madhya Pradesh's Ashi Chouksey, who finished sixth in the women's section, took the gold in junior women's section by beating Surabhi Bharadwaj Rapole 17-9 in the final.

Earlier, Ashi topped the ranking round with 403.4 points while Surabhi shot 397.6 points to finish second. Haryana's Nischal who finished third in the ranking round with 391.7 points took the bronze medal.

In the men's 10m rifle, Rajasthan's Bhanu Pratap Singh Choudhary was leading the table with 627.3 points followed by Pradeep Singh (Army) with 627.1 points and Vivek Sharma (Army) with 626.1 points.

In junior men's section, Bhanu was the leader with 627.3 points while Sumedh Bhanaji Sasane (Maharashtra) with 625.8 points and Darius Saurastri (Karnataka) 625.4 points in the second and third spots.

# Kuldeep Sen and Shahbaz replace Dayal and Jadeja in ODI team

INDIA SQUADS

**Sports Bureau**

Fast bowler Kuldeep Sen and all-rounder Shahbaz Ahmed were named as replacements for Yash Dayal and Ravindra Jadeja for the three-match ODI series against Bangladesh in December.

Dayal was ruled out with a lower back issue while Jadeja is yet to recover from his knee injury and will continue to be under the supervision of the BCCI Medical Team.

The selectors also picked the India-A squad for the four-day matches against Bangladesh-A in Bangladesh.

**The updated squads:**

**For New Zealand ODIs:** Shikhar Dhawan (Capt.), Rishabh Pant (Vice-capt. & wk), Shubman Gill, Deepak Hooda, Suryakumar Yadav, Shreyas Iyer, Sanju Samson (wk), Washington Sundar, Shardul Thakur, Yuzvendra Chahal, Kuldeep Yadav, Arshdeep Singh, Deepak Chahar and Umran Malik.

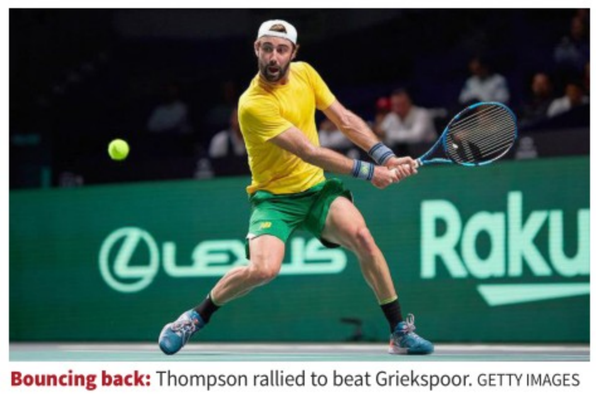
**For Bangladesh ODIs:** Rohit Sharma (Capt.), K.L. Rahul (Vice-capt.), Shikhar Dhawan, Virat Kohli, Rajat Patidar, Shreyas Iyer, Rahul Tripathi, Rishabh Pant (wk), Ishan Kishan (wk), Shahbaz Ahmed, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Shardul Thakur, Mohd. Shami, Mohd. Siraj, Deepak Chahar and Kuldeep Sen.

**India-A teams vs Bangladesh:**
**First four-day game**:
Abhimanyu Easwaran (Capt.), Rohan Kunnummal, Yashasvi Jaiswal, Yash Dhull, Sarfaraz Khan, Tilak Varma, Upendra Yadav (wk), Saurabh Kumar, Rahul Chahar, Jayant Yadav, Mukesh Kumar, Navdeep Saini and Atit Sheth.

**Second four-day game**:
Abhimanyu (Capt.), Cheteshwar Pujara, Rohan, Jaiswal, Dhull, Sarfaraz, Tilak Varma, K.S. Bharat (wk), Upendra, Saurabh Kumar, Rahul Chahar, Jayant, Umesh, Mukesh Kumar, Navdeep Saini and Atit Sheth.

# Australia cruises into the Davis Cup semifinals

**Associated Press**
MALAGA (SPAIN)



**Bouncing back:** Thompson rallied to beat Griekspoor. GETTY IMAGES

Alex de Minaur and Jordan Thompson won their singles matches to help Australia qualify for the Davis Cup semifinals for the first time since 2017 at the expense of the Netherlands.

de Minaur beat Botic van de Zandschulp 5-7, 6-3, 6-4 to clinch the series 2-0 and set up a semifinal tie against either Spain or Croatia.

"We've got a great team, a lot of belief and a lot of passion," de Minaur said. "I'm very happy to win today. Every single one of these players on our team is going to play their heart out. We'll do everything we can for our country."

Earlier, Jordan Thompson also came from a set down to defeat Tallon Griekspoor 4-6, 7-5, 6-3 and give Australia a 1-0 lead.

The Australian hit 16 aces to overcome his Dutch opponent.

The doubles match between Matthew Ebden and Max Purcell and Wesley Koolhof and Matwe Middelkoop was not played.

**The results (quarterfinals):**
**Australia bt Netherlands 2-0**
[Jordan Thompson bt Tallon Griekspoor 4-6, 7-5, 6-3; Alex de Minaur bt Botic van de Zandschlup 5-7, 6-3, 6-4].

## BENGALURU ROUND-UP

**Rishik bats well in The Bangalore Cricketers' victory**

A. Rishik's 82 helped The Bangalore Cricketers defeat Friends Union CC (2) in the KSCA under-14 inter-club tournament.

**The scores**: Friends Union (2) 190/7 in 50 overs (Aditya Jha 48, Arjun Ramesh 54 n.o.) lost to The Bangalore Cricketers 192/3 in 41.4 overs (A. Rishik 82, R. Monik 73 n.o.).

Young Lions 219/7 in 50 overs (Karan Raghavendra 27, Arjun Aravind 84, M. Rohith 31) bt Lions CC 103 in 40.2 overs (Rohith Reddy 32, Mohammad Rayan 4/29).

Cavaliers 81 in 39.5 overs (Raibath Raipalli 34, K. Skaandha 4/11) lost to Chintamani SA 82 for no loss in 10.5 overs (Athreya Bhat 26 n.o., S. Kishan 49 n.o.).

Social Cricketers 244 in 41.3 overs (Rathin Sanjay 72, Shubam Khot 74, Avaneesh Poonacha 3/22, C.P. Somayya 4/52) bt Modern 77 in 29.1 overs. Jolly Cricketers 193 in 48.1 overs (Bryan Thomas 31, Pankaj Gowda 33, S.S. Pragalbha 73) lost to Wilson Garden 197/3 in 30.4 overs (Rennell Pais 50, Arsh 26, Shankargouda Sidaraddi 55 n.o., Samarth Jadhav 33 n.o.).

Malleswaram Gymkhana 101 in 32.4 overs (Prathuksh Srikanth 3/11) lost to Visweswarapuram (1) 104/1 in 13.4 overs (Sudeep Martin 39 n.o., M. Rahul 42 n.o.).

Neptune 105 in 34.3 overs (Ashrith Reddy 28, Vrrisan Jaiswal 5/6) lost to Vikram 106/3 in 25.4 overs (Rakshith Gowda 54 n.o.). Century Cricketers 63 in 37.2 overs (A.G. Gurucharan 3/21) lost to Swastic Union (1) 64/1 in 6.5 overs (Kashif Ahmed 26).

**Prasanna stars in FC Deccan's win**

Prasanna's brace took FC Deccan to a 2-1 win over Friends United FC in the BDFA Super Division football league here on Wednesday.

**The results:** Young Challengers FC 2 (Murali Joseph 51, Deepak 53) bt Bangalore Dream United FC 0; FC Deccan 2 (Prasanna 9, 56) bt Friends United 1 (Magesh Selva 66); Sporting Club Bengaluru 3 (Kouassi Bernard 10, Jacob John 24, Appu 63) bt Kickstart FC 1 (Jijo Joseph 73).

**Shreyas 'tricks as Blue Star romps home**

R. Shreyas recorded a hat-trick in Blue Star HC's 7-2 win over Southern Alpha Sports Academy in the KSHA 'C' Division hockey league championship here.

**The results**:
Sahyadri HC 3 (Suresh 2, Darshan Rao 10, R. Sagar 36) bt Ideal Sports Academy 0.

Blue Star HC 7 (Sri Harsha 17, 40, R. Shreyas 23, 43, 49, M. Dhanush 34, Sundhar Raj 46) bt Southern Alpha SA 2 (Dhanush 24, S. Kaveeshwaran 48).

**Wissen Fast 5K Run added to Bengaluru Midnight Marathon**

The Wissen Fast 5K Run (timed) event is the most recent addition to the Bengaluru Midnight Marathon (BMM), it was announced.

Responses to the Wissen Fast 5K Run has been positive, organisers stated at a press conference here on Wednesday.

The 15th edition of the BMM is organised by Rotary Bangalore IT Corridor (RBITC).

## INBRIEF

### Inamdar to the fore again as Paltan bests Pink Panthers

Aslam Inamdar (nine points) was the architect of Puneri Paltan's 39-32 victory over Jaipur Pink Panthers in the Pro Kabaddi League in Hyderabad on Wednesday. In the second match, Maninder Singh (12) and Shrikant Jadhav (9) helped Bengal Warriors roar back in the final few minutes to beat Bengaluru Bulls 41-38.

### I-League: Gyamar's goal denies Punjab full points

Roundglass Punjab FC was held to a 1-1 draw by Rajasthan United, courtesy an injury-time equaliser from Gyamar Nikum, which denied its rival a third consecutive win in the I-League here on Wednesday. Daniel Lalhimpuia had given Punjab the lead at the Tau Devi Lal Stadium.

### Medals for four more Indian boxers in youth Worlds

Four Indian boxers – Muskan (75kg), Tamanna (50kg), Kirti (+81kg), Devika Ghorpade (52kg) – assured themselves of a medal after reaching the semifinals at the youth men's and women's World Boxing Championships in La Nucia, Spain. Preeti Dahiya (57kg), Rhythm (+92) and Jadumani Singh Mandengbam (51kg) exited in the quarterfinals.

**LIVE TELECAST**

**I-League**: Eurosport (SD & HD), 2 & 4.30 p.m.

**FIFA World Cup 2022**: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 3.30, 6.30, 9.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Friday)

**ISL**: Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

# Karnataka finishes second behind Assam

Jose and Shreyas' half-centuries help the former post a formidable total before More and Gowtham's three-wicket hauls hasten Rajasthan's defeat

**HAZARE TROPHY**

**Y.B. Sarangi**
KOLKATA

Ronit More and K. Gowtham claimed three wickets apiece as Karnataka bowlers' united endeavour enabled the side beat Rajasthan by 60 runs in an Elite Group-B match of the Vijay Hazare Trophy one-day tournament at the CCFC ground here on Wednesday.

Karnataka, inserted, managed 208 and defended the modest total by wrapping up Rajasthan for 148.

Even though Karnataka tied with Assam on 24 points from six wins, it finished second because of losing its group encounter to the north-eastern side.

Karnataka will take on Jharkhand, which qualified as the 11th side despite losing to Vidarbha on Wednesday, in the pre-quarterfinals in Ahmedabad on Nov. 26. Group-topper Assam, which beat Delhi by 25 runs, reached the quarterfinals, scheduled on Nov. 28.

**Guiding hand:** Shreyas Gopal's responsible innings propped up Karnataka. .FILE PHOTO: SUDHAKARA JAIN

On a pitch offering unpredictable bounce, Karnataka lost two early wickets before Nikin Jose (67, 81b, 10x4) and Manish Pandey (21, 38b, 1x4, 1x6) added 62 runs. Nikin, who drove and cut well, formed another valuable partnership worth 37 runs with Shreyas Gopal (57, 72b, 6x4) before being bowled by left-arm seamer Aniket Choudhary.

Shreyas batted with responsibility to garner 39 with B.R. Sharath (24, 26b, 3x4).

However, Karnataka lost momentum as the Rajasthan bowlers tasted success frequently in spite of Deepak and Rahul Chahar's absence.

Karnataka bowlers chose a good channel and got some purchase. V. Kaverappa provided the breakthrough by removing Abhijeet Tomar in the fifth over.

V. Koushik had Mahipal Lomror caught behind, while Ronit More made the ball to deviate slightly to castle Ashok Menaria and Aditya Garhwal.

A composed Yash Kothari (49, 81b, 5x4) and a determined Kunal Rathore (35 n.o., 56b, 2x4, 1x6) did some repair work by adding 43.

Rajasthan's chase virtually ended when Koushik broke the stand by breaching Kothari's defence.

Gowtham chipped in with three wickets as Rajasthan was all out in the 42nd over.

### WEDNESDAY'S HAZARE TROPHY SCORES AND FINAL POINTS TABLE

**Group-A: At New Delhi:** Saurashtra 218/9 in 50 overs (Samarth Vyas 42) lost to Uttar Pradesh 219/8 in 47.4 overs (Akshdeep Nath 89 n.o., Saurabh Kumar 63).

Himachal Pradesh 265 in 49.2 overs (Akash Vasisht 92, Mayank Dagar 92, Chintan Gaja 5/42) lost to Gujarat 270/2 in 47.3 overs (Kathan Patel 80, Priyank Panchal 78, Priyesh Patel 68 n.o., Het Patel 40 n.o.).

Hyderabad 306/5 in 50 overs (Tanmay Agarwal 52, Rohit Rayudu 68, Bhavesh Seth 71, Rahul Buddhi 57 n.o.) bt Chandigarh 196 in 46.3 overs (Gurinder Singh 59, Akshit Rana 44).

Tripura 341/6 in 50 overs (Bikramkumar Das 123, Sudip Chatterjee 53, Deepak Khatri 53, Bikash Singh 4/56) bt Manipur 106 in 28 overs (Manisankar Murasingh 5/22).

**Read as Team, Played, Won, Lost, Tied, No Result, Points, Net Run Rate:** *Saurashtra 7-5-2-0-0-20-(1.737); U.P. 7-5-2-0-0-20-(0.604); Hyderabad 7-5-2-0-0-20-(0.513); Chandigarh 7-5-2-0-0-20-(-0.031); Gujarat 7-3-4-0-0-12-(0.162); Tripura 7-3-4-0-0-12-(0.528); HP 7-2-5-0-0-8-(0.231); Manipur 7-0-7-0-0-0-(-4.017).*

**Group-B: At Kolkata:** Karnataka 208 in 48.4 overs (Nikin Jose 67, Shreyas Gopal 57) bt Rajasthan 148 in 41.1 overs (Yash Kothari 49).

Vidarbha 297/3 in 50 overs (Faiz Fazal 120, Sanjay Raghunath 44, Ganesh Satish 55 n.o., Apoorv Wankhade 49 n.o.) bt Jharkhand 288/6 in 50 overs (Saurabh Tiwary 138 n.o., Kumar Kushagra 55).

Assam 250 in 49.4 overs (Rahul Hazarika 61, Rishav Das 93 n.o.) bt Delhi 225 in 49 overs (Himmat Singh 84).

Meghalaya 226/9 in 50 overs (Sylvester Mylliempdah 49, Larry Sangma 45, Sumit Singh 5/69) bt Sikkim 167 in 45.2 overs (Anwesh Sharma 47).

*Assam 7-6-1-0-0-24-(1.360); Karnataka 7-6-1-0-0-24-(1.711); Jharkhand 7-5-2-0-0-20-(1.064); Rajasthan 7-4-3-0-0-16-(0.952); Delhi 7-3-4-0-0-12-(0.358); Vidarbha 7-3-4-0-0-12-(0.455); Meghalaya 7-1-6-0-0-4-(-2.669); Sikkim 7-0-7-0-0-0-(-3.407).*

**Group-C: At Bengaluru:** Arunachal Pradesh 170 in 48.4 overs (Amresh Rohit 51, Kamsha Yangfo 51) vs. Bihar 56/2 in 13.5 overs; No Result.

Goa 261/9 in 50 overs (Ishaan Gadekar 47, Snehal Kauthankar 104) tied with Haryana 154/5 in 23 overs (Chaitanya Bishnoi 47); Tied by VJD method.

Kerala 287/8 in 50 overs (Vathsal Govind 95 n.o., Vishnu Vinod 45, Abdul Basith 41) vs. Tamil Nadu (TN) 43/1 in 7 overs; No Result.

Andhra 144 in 42.3 overs (Nitish Kumar Reddy 50, Sumit Ruikar 4/23) lost to Chhattisgarh 147/2 in 26.3 overs (Harpreet Singh Bhatia 65 n.o.).

*TN 7-5-0-0-2-24-(3.106); Kerala 7-4-1-0-2-20-(1.809); Andhra 7-4-2-0-1-18-(1.066); Haryana 7-3-2-1-1-16-(1.241); Chhattisgarh 7-3-3-0-1-14-(0.362); Goa 7-2-3-1-1-12-(0.235); Bihar 7-0-5-0-2-4-(-2.550); Arunachal 7-0-5-0-2-4-(-6.159).*

**Group-D: At Mumbai:** Madhya Pradesh 349/7 in 50 overs (Yash Dubey 58, Himanshu Mantri 60, Shubham Sharma 88, Rajat Patidar 52) bt Baroda 59 in 17.1 overs (Avesh Khan 6/37).

Nagaland 145 in 48.5 overs (Chetan Bist 47 n.o.) lost to Punjab 146/4 in 29.3 overs (Anmolpreet Singh 65).

Uttarakhand 251/6 in 50 overs (Priyanshu Khanduri 97, Swapnil Singh 61, Dikshanshu Negi 52 n.o.) lost to Jammu & Kashmir 257/1 in 42.2 overs (Vivrant Sharma 154 n.o., Shubham Khajuria 71).

*Punjab 6-6-0-0-0-24-(1.759); J&K 6-5-1-0-0-20-(0.474); MP 6-4-2-0-0-16-(2.352); Baroda 6-3-3-0-0-12-(-0.396); Uttarakhand 6-2-4-0-0-8-(-0.186); Odisha 6-1-5-0-0-4-(-0.537); Nagaland 6-0-6-0-0-0-(-3.312).*

**Group-E: At Ranchi:** Maharashtra 379/7 in 50 overs (Rahul Tripathi 61, Ankit Bawne 184 n.o., Azim Kazi 88) bt Pondicherry 274/7 in 50 overs (Paras Dogra 62, Ankit Sharma 107 n.o.).

Services 318/6 in 50 overs (Shubham Rohilla 99, Ravi Chauhan 60, Arjun Sharma 53) bt Mizoram 197/8 in 50 overs (Taruwar Kohli 89).

Railways 337/5 in 50 overs (Vivek Singh 47, Pratham Singh 109, Mohammad Saif 92) lost to Mumbai 338/5 in 48.3 overs (Prithvi Shaw 51, Ajinkya Rahane 88, Sarfaraz Khan 117, Shams Mulani 46 n.o.).

*Maharashtra 6-6-0-0-0-24-(1.498); Mumbai 6-4-2-0-0-16-(1.388); Bengal 6-4-2-0-0-16-(1.058); Railways 6-3-3-0-0-12-(0.786); Pondicherry 6-2-4-0-0-8-(-0.702); Services 6-2-4-0-0-8-(-0.249); Mizoram 6-0-6-0-0-0-(-4.021).*

**Qualifiers: Quarterfinalists:** Saurashtra, Assam, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, and Maharashtra.
**Pre-quarterfinalists:** U.P., Karnataka, Kerala, J&K, Mumbai, and Jharkhand.

**Pre-quarterfinals (Nov. 26 at Ahmedabad):** Karnataka v Jharkhand, U.P. v Mumbai, J&K v Kerala.

**Note:** Toppers from each group made the quarterfinals, while the second-placed team from each group and the highest-placed third-placed team across groups qualified for the pre-quarterfinals.

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ಸನ್ 2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನ ಮತ್ತು ಸನ್ 2021–22 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಶಾಸಕರ & ಸಂಸದರ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಆಧ್ಯಾದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD/CPWD/HDMC/ ಇತರೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು.
**ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ವರ್ಗದ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಗೆ ಮೀಸಲಿಟ್ಟ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಇ.ನಂ : (1) 121805(Gen) (2) 137804(Gen) (3) 136128(Gen) (4) 139180(Gen) (5) 142130(Gen) (6) 142116(Gen) (7) 142021(Gen) (8) 142059(Gen) (9) 142036(ST) (10) 142034(Gen) (11) 142012(SC) (12) 142222(Gen) (13) 142105(Gen) (14) 142225(Gen) (15) 142030(Gen) (16) 142033(SC) (17) 142029(Gen) (18) 142027(Gen) (19) 142040(SC) (20) 142135(Gen) (21) 142042(Gen) (22) 142049(Gen) (23) 142039(ST) (24) 142074(Gen) (25) 142035(Gen) (26) 142037(ST) (27) 142038(Gen) (28) 142025(Gen) (29) 142031(Gen) (30) 142024(SC) (31) 142094(Gen) (32) 142072(Gen) (33) 142047(SC) (34) 142069(Gen) (35) 142067(Gen) (36) 142032(SC) (37) 142070(Gen) (38) 142071(Gen) (39) 142096(SC) (40) 142155(Gen) (41) 142156 (Gen) (42) 132303(Gen) (43) 141798(Gen) (44) 137752(Gen)** ಒಟ್ಟು **44** ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. **623.56** ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರಮೆಂಟನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **24/11/2022** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಬೇಕಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು ಧಾರವಾಡ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ : **0836–2213838** ರಿಂದ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ಮೂಲಕ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು.
**ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (ಅ.ನಂ 01 ರಿಂದ 43 ರ ವರೆಗೆ)**
(1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **09/12/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 05.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ (2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **12/12/2022** ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 10.35 ಗಂಟೆ (3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **17/12/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 4.35 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
**ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ (ಅ.ನಂ 44 ಕ್ಕೆ)** (1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **01/12/2022** ಸಂಜೆ 05.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ (2) ಟೆಂಡರ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **02/12/2022** ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 05.35 ಗಂಟೆ
ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಧಾರವಾಡ),
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಧಾರವಾಡ.
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/ಎಂಸಿಎ/778/2022–23

**BANGALORE URBAN ZILLA PANCHAYATH**
Office of the Executive Engineer, Panchayath Raj Engineering Division, First Floor, Zilla Panchayat Building, S. Kariyappa Road, Banashankari, Bengaluru - 560070.
No: EE/PRED/BNG(U)/TND/AE-2/36/2022-23 Dated: 21-11-2022
**E-PROCUREMENT SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION**
Tenders are invited through e-Procurement by the Executive Engineer, P.R.E.D. Bangalore Urban, For Viveka Yojane / 2022-23 Grants Works. The work details can be obtained from the e-Procurement Website. The Tender Documents can be obtained and submitted **on or before 29-11-2022 upto 4.00 PM.** Further details can be obtained from Website at **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** or contact this office during office working hours.
Sd/- Executive Engineer,
Panchayath Raj Engineering Division,
Bangalore Urban Dist, Bengaluru.
DIPR/CP/3219/ Adverto/2022-23

**INDIAN BANK**
Judicial Layout Yelahanka Branch, No. 1813, 8th Main, Judicial Layout, Bangalore Ph: 08022958875 | Email: judiciallayout@indianbank.co.in
**RULE 8(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 POSSESSION NOTICE (for immovable property)**
Where as Bangalore, Date: 28/10/2022
The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of Indian Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) read with rule 8 and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated 18.08.2022 calling upon the borrowers Sri Keshavappa and Rashmi G M having Home loan accounts with Indian Bank, Judicial layout Yelahanka Branch to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being Rs. 10,49,474/- (Rupees Ten Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Four only) together with interest and with other charges and expenses from 01.08.2022 till date of payment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.
The borrowers having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor and the public in general that the under signed has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on them under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with rule 8 and 9 of the said rules on 18.08.2022
The borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with in the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Bank for an amount of Rs.10,49,474/- (Rs. Ten Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Four only) balance as on 01.08.2022 with interest and with other charges and expenses from 01.08.2022 thereon till the date of payment.
**Description of the immovable property Property**
All that piece and parcel of the House property Sai Gowri Vishranthi apartment no G2 Ground floor Sy No 133/1 Yellamma temple Road Nagavarapalya Benniganahalli dhakle Benniganahalli KR Puram Hobli Bangalore 560093. BBMP measuring total area 1005 sqft
Bounded on the: North by: Private Property, South by: Private Property, East by: Road and Private Property, West by: Private Property and Yellamma Temple Belonging to Sri Keshavappa and Rashmi G M
Yours faithfully,
Authorized Office of Indian Bank

**BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE**
N.R Square, Bengaluru-560002.
No. BBMP/JC/SWM/1935/2022-23 Date: 19.11.2022
**PRESS RELEASE**
The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike in order to implement SWM Rules-2016 in its limits effectively under the guidelines of **SWACHH BHARAT CAMPAIGN**, in collaboration with citizens to make the city cleaner & greener with a aim of **"Namma Nade, Swachhateya Kade"** and object of **"My Waste, My Responsibility"** is conducting a competition on Solid Waste Management by inviting solutions/ proposals under three categories of. **(1)** SWACHH TECHNOLOGY CHALLENGE {Social Inclusion, Zero Dump(SWM), Plastic Waste Management, Transparency(Digital Enablement)}, **(2)** INNOVATIONS & BEST PRACTICES, **(3)** IEC(Jingles, Movies, Posters, Murals, Drawings, Street Plays). The individuals, Self Help Groups, NGOs, RWAs, Communities, Start ups etc. may submit their solutions/proposals in respective category through the link **https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf8Oo5eWqKfZKZyORvNVmM91oHUgVhO4WkZInl-Yo6p36S_qw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0** and the hard copy of the proposal/solution shall be submitted to CEO, BSWML, 1st Floor, UNI Building, Next to LIDKAR Office, Vasanth Nagar, Bengaluru on or before 28.11.2022 @ 5.00 p.m. The BBMP reserves the right to reject the irrelevant and incorrect solutions/proposals and decision of the Committee is final. Details are available at **www.bbmp.gov.in**.
Sd/-
Joint Commissioner (SWM)
Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike.
**Source Segregation & In-Situ Composting is solution to cleaner & greener Bengaluru**

**ನಗರಸಭಾ ಕಾರ್ಯಾಲಯ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ–577501**
ಸಂ:ನಸಚಿ:ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ(1)/ಟೆಂಡರ್:ಕಿ.ಅ./ಸಿಆರ್:15:2022–23, ದಿ: 22.11.2022
**ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ**
(ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–4ರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.)
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಉದ್ಯಮ ನಿಧಿ ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ರೂ.260.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ತ್ಯಾಗರಾಜ ಮಾರುಕಟ್ಟೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊಸದಾಗಿ ನಿರ್ಮಾಣ ಮಾಡುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಇ–ಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ದರ್ಜೆ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ htt:/eproc.karanataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಕೆಳಗೆ ನಮೂದಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವುದು, ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯುವುದು, ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡುವುದು ಮತ್ತು ಸಲ್ಲಿರುವುದು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಅರ್ಜಿಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. "ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವಾಗ ಅನವಶ್ಯಕವಾದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಗಳನ್ನು ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡದೇ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ದಾಖಲಾತಿಯನ್ನು ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಕೋಷ್ಟಕದಲ್ಲಿ ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟವಾಗಿ ಕಾಣುವಂತೆ ಅಪಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕದ್ದು" ವಿವರ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತೆ ಇರುತ್ತದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಮೇಲೆ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನಾಗಿ ಘೋಷಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟರೆ, ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನಗಳನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರನ್ನು ವಿಚಾರಿಸಬಹುದು ಅಥವಾ ನಗರಭಿಂಯು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲ www.chitradurgacity.mrc.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರ್ DMA/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT141230 ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂಬರ್ "ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಪಾವತಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವೇಳಾಪಟ್ಟಿ:– (1) ಪ್ರೀ ಬಿಡ್ ಮೀಟಿಂಗ್ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ 05–12–2022 ಸಮಯ 16.30 (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ 09–12–2022 ಸಮಯ 16.30 (3) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಅಂತಿಮ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ 14–12–2022 ಸಮಯ 16.30 (4) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ 15–12–2022 ಸಮಯ 16.30 (5) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ & ವೇಳೆ : 16–12–2022 ಅಥವಾ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ಅನುಮೋದನೆಗೊಂಡ ನಂತರ
DIPR/CTA/MCA/ 710/2022-23
ಸಹಿ/–ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು,
ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಚಿತ್ರದುರ್ಗ

**ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ**
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್‌ರವರ ಕಛೇರಿ, ನಂ.2 ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ,
1ನೇ ಮಹಡಿ, ಲೋ.ಇ. ಪೂರಕ ಕಟ್ಟಡ, ಕೆ.ಆರ್.ವೃತ್ತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು.
ದೂ.: 080–22122856 ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್: www.kpwd.gov.in
ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ. 28/2022–23/2ನೇ ಕರೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ : 22–11–2022
ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ನಂ.2 ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರುರವರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ–2000ರನ್ವಯ ಕೆಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–1 & 2ರ ನಿಯಮಗಳಂತೆ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ಪಿಡಬ್ಲ್ಯುಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಣಿ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಒಂದು ಲಕೋಟೆ ಪದ್ಧತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. **ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರೋಸೆಸಿಂಗ್ ಬೆಲೆ ಮತ್ತು ಇಎಂಡಿ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ.**

| ಕ್ರ ಸಂ | ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ವರ್ಕ್ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ | ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ಇಟ್ಟಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಮೊತ್ತ | ಮೀಸಲಾತಿ ಹಂಚಿಕೆ |
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| 1 | KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT157287-Call-2 | 509345.47 | ಎಸ್‌ಸಿ |
| 2 | KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT156658-Call-2 | 2662656.01 | ಇತರೆ |
| 3 | KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT156661-Call-2 | 2233940.35 | ಇತರೆ |
| 4 | KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT156676-Call-2 | 739240.56 | ಇತರೆ |
| 5 | KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT157529-Call-2 | 682480.65 | ಇತರೆ |
| 6 | KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT157479-Call-2 | 806516.19 | ಇತರೆ |
| 7 | KPWD/2022-23/BD/WORK_INDENT156562-Call-2 | 658614.80 | ಇತರೆ |

**ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಪೂರ್ಣಗೊಳಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಗೊಳಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲ ಸೇರಿ)** : 5 (1/2) ತಿಂಗಳು. **ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ :** 4ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು.
(1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್‌ನ್ನು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಿಂದ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **23.11.2022 ರಿಂದ 30.11.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯ**ವರೆಗೆ. (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **30.11.2022 ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಗಂಟೆಯ**ವರೆಗೆ. (3) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **02.12.2022 ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 4.30 ಕ್ಕೆ** ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. (4) ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಮಾರ್ಪಾಡು ಅಥವಾ ಮುಂದೂಡಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಕೇವಲ (http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in) ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ.
ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್,
ನಂ. 2ನೇ ಕಟ್ಟಡಗಳ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ವಾ.ಪ್ರ/3210/ಶ್ರೇಷ್ಠ/2022–23

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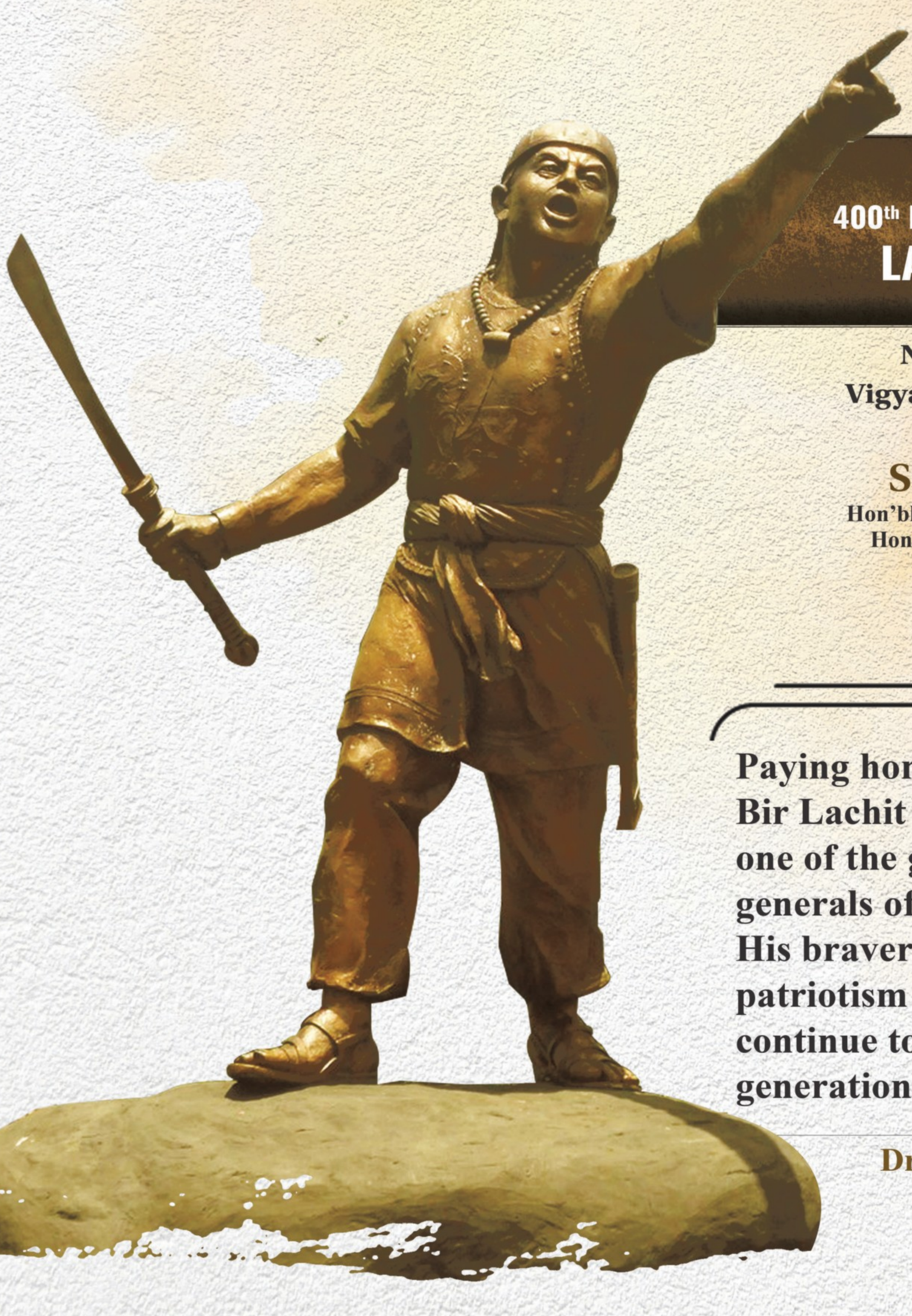


Plenary Session of the 400th Birth Anniversary Celebration of LACHIT BARPHUKAN

November 24, 2022

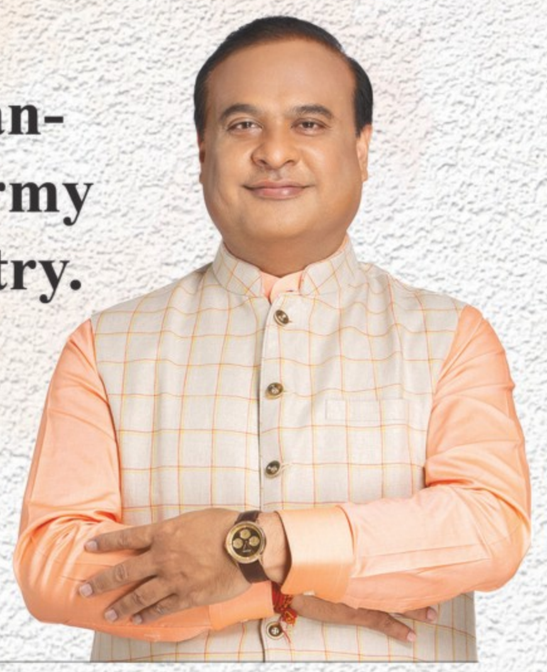
Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

Chief Guest

**Shri Amit Shah**

Hon'ble Minister of Home Affairs and
Hon'ble Minister of Cooperation,
Government of India

Paying homage to
Bir Lachit Barphukan-
one of the greatest army
generals of our country.
His bravery and
patriotism will
continue to inspire
generations.



**Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma**

Chief Minister, Assam

Janasanyog /D/16756/22

LIVE

**The programme will be streamed live on the social media handles of DIPR, Assam**

**Let us light an earthen lamp at our homes in the evening today to pay homage to Bir Lachit Barphukan**

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